

Financial Aid for Students with Special-Needs

The City of Nagoya operates a needs-based program to assist students with special-needs attending Nagoya City elementary or junior high schools. The financial aid will be provided according to the income of your household.

Who can receive support?

At least one of the following applies:

- 1 Students attending special-needs classes (特別支援学級)
- 2 Students attending regular classes and classes for persons with slight impairments such as: cognitive disabilities, speech impediments, or hearing impairments. (*Only commuting expenses will be covered for students who do not fall under category 3.)
- * Students attending classes for persons with special-needs at prefectural schools fall under category 2.
- 3 Students attending regular classes (including classes for students with cognitive disabilities, speech impediments, or hearing impairments) who have disabilities as listed in paragraph 3, article 22 of the Enforcement Ordinance of the School Education Act (学校教育法施行令第 22 条の 3) (Please refer below for details.)

Items Covered (The amounts listed below are based on FY 2023.)

| Items | Elementary School | Junior High School |
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| ① School Meals | Half Coverage | Half Coverage |
| ② Commuting | Full Coverage *1 | Full Coverage *1 |
| ③ Transportation for Koryugakushu | Full Coverage *1 | Full Coverage *1 |
| ④ Field Trips | Half Coverage (max 10,790 yen) | Half Coverage (max 28,860 yen) |
| ⑤ Extracurricular Activities (Overnight Trips) | Half Coverage (max 2,690 yen) | Half Coverage (max 2,635 yen) |
| ⑥ Extracurricular Activities | Half Coverage (max 800 yen) | Half Coverage (max 1,155 yen) |
| ⑦ School Supplies & Commuting Supplies | 5,820 yen | 11,370 yen |
| ⑧ School Supplies for newly enrolled students (Only for 1st grade) | 25,555 yen | 30,490 yen |
| ⑨ Online Learning Telecommunication Expenses (Limited to Level I) | Half coverage *2 (max 7,000 yen) | Half coverage *2 (max 7,000 yen) |


*1 Persons who fall under level III will only receive half coverage for items ② and ③. As a general rule, the most cost-effective routes are used when providing financial assistance for expenses incurred when commuting to school by public transportation. Contact us if you have differing circumstances.

*2 Households that are paying for expenses incurred due to a child's school implementing the use of tablets or other electronic devices for learning at home are eligible for aid for purchasing and/or renting equipment. Documents showing expenses incurred (a contract, receipts, etc.) must be submitted in order to receive aid when purchasing or renting telecommunication equipment.

Until now support for expenses ⑦ School Supplies & Commuting Supplies, and ⑧ School Supplies for newly enrolled students has been provided according to the amount listed on a purchase receipt, however, from the Fiscal Year 2024 a set amount of support will be provided, so submitting a purchase receipt is no longer required.

Levels of Financial Aid

The amount of financial aid you may receive is dependent on your categorized level. This level will be determined based on annual income and the national poverty line (生活保護基準需要額). Your level is determined on a per annual basis.



| Level | Criteria | Items Covered |
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| I | Annual income is less than 1.5 times the national poverty line. | ① - ⑨ |
| II | Annual income is between 1.5 and 2.5 times the national poverty line. | ① - ⑧ |
| III | Annual income is over 2.5 times the national poverty line. | ②, ③ |

The following are approximate examples of what an income for households under 2.5 times the national poverty line (Levels I & II) may be.

Actual amounts may vary depending on the age of household members.

| Household Members | Two | Three | Four | Five | Six |
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| Household Income | 4,734,000 yen | 6,144,000 yen | 7,218,000 yen | 8,532,000 yen | 9,319,000 yen |
| Gross Income (Fulltime) | (6,468,000 yen) | (8,049,000 yen) | (9,168,000 yen) | (10,482,000 yen) | (11,269,000 yen) |

There are two types of financial aid available for households with low income. One is financial aid for persons with special needs (特別支援教育就学奨励費), and the other is "general" financial aid (就学援助). We highly recommend, for those who qualify, to apply for "general" financial aid (就学援助) due to the higher amount of aid available in comparison to the financial aid for persons with special needs program (特別支援教育就学奨励費). However, please make sure to apply for the financial aid for persons with special needs if you need financial aid for item ③ Transportation for Koryugakushu.

Students with any of the disabilities listed in paragraph 3, article 22 of the Enforcement Ordinance of the School Education (学校教育法施行令第 22 条の 3), written below, fall under category 3 of the **Who can receive support? section on the first page.**

| Disability | Description of Severity of Disability (According to paragraph 3, article 22 of the Enforcement Ordinance of School Education)学校教育法施行令第 22 条の 3 | Assessment Methods | Required Documents |
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| Visual Impairment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision in both eyes is under 0.3 • Other visual disabilities such as dyslexia • Inability or severe difficulty* discerning characters and shapes even with assistance from special devices. <p>* Extensive time is needed to discern characters and shapes during class. Special types of aids, materials, and extensive assistance is required.</p> | Persons with a grade 2 or higher physical disability certificate (身体障害者手帳). Those with a grade 3-6 physical disability certificate must be diagnosed by a medical professional. | ① Copy of Physical Disability Certificate ② Medical Diagnosis Form (Must be from an official form provided by the City of Nagoya.) (② is only required by persons with a grade 3-6 physical disability certificate.) |
| Hearing Impairment | For people who can hear 60 decibels or louder in both ears, but still have difficulty hearing everyday sounds and conversations, even with hearing aids. | | |
| Cognitive Disability | 1 Persons with cognitive disabilities who have difficulty interacting with people on an everyday basis without sufficient support. 2 When the cognitive disability is not as severe as 1, however acclimating to social situations is still extremely difficult. | Grade A Protection Handbook 愛護手帳 | Copy of Protection Handbook |
| Physical Disability | 1 When actions such as: walking *1, writing, and other fundamental everyday movements are impossible or extremely difficult at school. 2 When one's physical disability is not as severe as 1, however, they must be constantly monitored *2 and given great assistance. * 1 Fundamental everyday movements include: walking (excluding using a wheelchair), writing, eating, putting on and taking off clothes, using the bathroom, and other learned actions such as drawing. * 2 Constant medical monitoring entails being medically monitored during specified times, and receiving functional training and assistance for each every movement and action taken from the time they wake up until the time they go to sleep. | Persons with a grade 2 or higher physical disability certificate (身体障害者手帳). Those with a grade 3-6 physical disability certificate must be diagnosed by a medical professional. | ① Copy of Physical Disability Certificate ② Medical Diagnosis Form (Must be from an official form provided by the City of Nagoya.) (② is only required by persons with a grade 3-6 physical disability certificate.) |

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| Chronic Ailments | <p>1 When daily treatment *1 is needed, and / or it is extremely difficult or impossible to perform daily tasks "2 due to chronic diseases related to the respiratory system, the kidneys, the nervous, system, or caused by malignant growths.</p> <p>2 When daily treatment *1 is needed due to chronic frailty.</p> <p>*1 Medical diagnosis and treatment from a medical professional. Over the counter medicine and self-administrable shots are not included.</p> <p>*2 When actions such as: locomotion, eating, clothing, and going to the bathroom are impossible or extremely difficult.</p> | Medically diagnosed as explained to the left by a medical professional. | Medical Diagnosis Form (Must be from an official form provided by the City of Nagoya.) |
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* The most severe disability will take precedence in the event of the presence of multiple disabilities.

【More Information】

- ★ More information for students who fall under category ① and ② (categories can be found under “Who can receive support?”) will be provided near the beginning of June.
- ★ Students who fall under category ③ (categories can be found under “Who can receive support?”) wishing to receive aid must apply at their school. Furthermore, if a medical diagnosis by a medical professional is needed, go to your school to receive the documents needed for a medical diagnosis and bring them to a medical facility.

If you have any questions or concerns, please refer to your school, or call the Nagoya Board of Education, Educational Affairs Division at 052-972-3217. (Only available in Japanese)