

Fiscal Year 2026 School Expense Assistance Program

Zama City provides financial assistance for school-related expenses (e.g., school supplies, lunch fees) to families experiencing financial hardship, ensuring equal learning opportunities for all children.

If you wish to apply, please submit the application form to your child's school or the School Support Division.

Please note: Applications and reviews are required every year. Even if you received assistance in FY2025, you must reapply for FY2026.

1. Eligibility

Guardians of children attending elementary or junior high schools in Zama City, or residing in Zama City and enrolled in private, national, or prefectural secondary education schools (first half), who meet any of the following:

- Receiving public assistance (Seikatsu Hogo)
- Receiving child-rearing allowance (Jido Fuyo Teate) (excluding "child allowance (Jido Teate)" and "special child-rearing allowance (Tokubetsu Jido Fuyo Teate)")
- Household income considered equivalent to welfare standards (see Section 2 for detail)

2. Income Guidelines

Eligibility is based on household income for FY2025. The table below shows approximate annual income limits by household size and age composition.

Note: For households with three or more children under 18, the income limit will be increased.

(See withholding tax slip for income amount after salary deduction.)

Household Size	Example Composition (Age as of April 1, 2026)	Annual Income Limit (Approx.¥)	
		Rental: ¥60,000/month	Homeowner
2	Guardian age 30, Child age 7	2,640,000	1,920,000
3	Guardian age 35, Children age 9 and 5	3,120,000	2,400,000
4	Father age 43, Mother age 40, Children age 13 and 10	4,020,000	3,300,000
5	Father age 38, Mother age 36, Children age 11, 8, and 4	4,340,000	3,620,000

Reference: How to check the income amount on the withholding tax slip (If your income is only from salary)

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支 払 を受 け る 者	住 所 又 は 居 所	座間市緑ヶ丘1-1-1
(受給者番号) 氏 名 【フリガナ】 ザマ タロウ 座間 太郎		
種 別	支 払 金 額	給 与 所 得 控 除 後 の 金 額
給 与	内 円 3,500,000	2,370,000
		所得控除の額の合計額 円 1,140,000
		源泉徴収税額 円 61,500

↑ This is your income amount

3. Application Period

	Application Period	Certification month (※)
Initial application	April 6 – May 8, 2026	From April
Additional application:	May 9, 2026 – February 26, 2027	From the month of application

※Depending on the certification month, some expenses may not be eligible for assistance. **Apply early to avoid ineligible expenses.**

4. Details of Assistance

Assistance is transferred to the guardian's designated account. Amounts are based on FY2025 and may change.

(See table for school supplies, lunch fees, entrance preparation fund, school trip expenses, etc.)

Important: Entrance Preparation Fund is provided in March 2027 for approved applicants. New Enrollment Supplies are available only if the Entrance Preparation Fund has not been received.

Expense Category	Eligible Students	Annual Limit (¥)			Payment Timing
		Elementary		Junior High	
School Supplies	Grade 1	3,880	11,630	7,580	Aug
		3,875		7,575	Dec
		3,875		7,575	Mar
School Supplies & Commuting Items	Other Grades	4,640	13,900	8,340	Aug
		4,630		8,330	Dec
		4,630		8,330	Mar
School Lunch Fees	All Grades	No charge during approved period		Actual cost (milk, optional meals)	Aug/Dec/Mar

New Enrollment Supplies	Grade1 &Grade7	57,060	63,000	August
Entrance Preparation Fund	Preschool & Grade 6	57,060 (for preschoolers)	63,000 (for Grade 6)	March
School Trip Expenses	Participants Grade 6 & Grade 9	Actual cost (limit 22,690)	Actual cost (limit 60,910)	Aug(Grade9) Dec(Grade6)
Extracurricular Activity Fee	Participants	1,600	2,310	Dec/Mar
Camp		Actual cost (limit 3,690)	Actual cost (limit 6,210)	
Physical Education Equipment (Judo gi)	Eligible Students		Actual cost (limit 7,650)	Aug/Dec/Mar
Medical Expenses	Medical voucher issued for specified conditions (e.g., trachoma, conjunctivitis, ringworm, scabies, impetigo, otitis media, chronic sinusitis, adenoids, dental caries, parasitic diseases). <i>Separate procedure required; allergies and atopic conditions are excluded</i>			

5. How to Apply

- Paper application : Submit according to Sections 6 and 7.
- LINE application : Follow instructions in Section 8.

6. Required Documents

- ① School Assistance Application Form (including consent and account transfer request)

If you have children in both elementary and junior high school, submit only one form to either school.

- ② Bank account verification document (copy showing branch name, account number, and account holder)

③ Certificates (submit if applicable as per the table below)

Who Needs to Submit	Required Document
1. Lives in a rental property and pays rent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Private housing: Copy of rental contract - Public housing: Copy of decision notice <p><i>Must include contract holder name, rent amount, and latest contract period. If not attached, rent will not be considered in eligibility.</i></p> <p>For public housing, submit the current year's payment notice.</p>
2. Moved into Zama City after January 2, 2026	<p>One of the following (for all income earners):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Copy of 2025 tax return or municipal tax declaration - Copy of 2026 tax certificate (taxable or non-taxable) <p><i>Issued by the municipality where you were registered as of January 1, 2026, usually after June 1.</i></p> <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - My Number Consent Form (to allow viewing of tax information from previous municipality)
3. Lives outside A City due to job transfer or separate residence	<p>Copy of child-rearing allowance certificate (<i>must be valid at the time of application</i>)</p> <p><i>Child allowance (Jido Teate) and special child-rearing allowance (Tokubetsu Jido Fuyo Teate) are not eligible.</i></p>
4. Receives child-rearing allowance (Jido Fuyo Teate)	
5. Filed 2025 income tax return after the deadline	Copy of 2025 tax return or 2026 municipal tax declaration

The eligibility review is based on the total income of all household members living together with the child during Fiscal Year 2025. If any household member has not filed a tax return or municipal tax declaration, or has not been properly declared as a dependent, the eligibility review cannot be conducted. Regardless of whether you have income or not, please complete your tax filing with the tax office or the municipal tax department before submitting the application.

7. Submission Address

- ① Submit to your child's elementary or junior high school (only Zama City public schools),
- ② Submit to the Zama City Board of Education, School Support Division (City

Hall, 5th Floor).

③ By mail (postmarked by May 8, 2026):

Address:

ZIP Code : 252-8566

1-1-1 midorigaoka , Zama-city , Kanagawa

Zama City Board of Education, Schooling Support Division

8. Applying via LINE

Scan the QR code and follow the instructions on the displayed questionnaire.

The application period for LINE starts on April 6, 2026. For details, please refer to section 3 "Application Period."

(Note: You must first add the official Zama City LINE account as a friend.)



9. Decision on Assistance

Notification will be sent by mail by **late July**.

10. Other Notes

Consent & Delegation

- Application includes consent for viewing resident and tax records, and for verifying the status of public assistance (such as child rearing allowance).
- Funds are usually transferred to the guardian's account, but the school principal or mayor may handle receipt/refund if necessary.

Changes & Corrections

- Report changes (name, household composition, account info) promptly to avoid loss of assistance.
- Incomplete applications must be corrected by the deadline or will be withdrawn.

School Fees & Supplies

- Assistance does not exempt school collections; pay as required. Consult the school if payment is difficult.
- School supplies assistance is a fixed amount for basic items (not teaching material fees). Mid-year approvals are prorated.

Lunch Fees

- Pay lunch fees until approval is granted. Refunds will be processed after approval.
From the second term onward, payment is generally not required.

Entrance Preparation Fund

- Provided only once; cannot be combined with New Enrollment Supplies.
- Must return if moving out or if the child does not enroll.
- Not eligible if a similar fund was received from another municipality.