University of Tsukuba "Tsukuba Scholarship for Childcare" Application Guideline

The University of Tsukuba accepts applications for "Tsukuba Scholarship for Childcare" from privately financed students.

1. Purpose

Based on the gender equality scheme, the purpose of this scholarship program is to improve study environments of students who are raising children by financially assisting them.

2. Eligibility

To be considered for "Tsukuba Scholarship for Childcare", the applicant must:

- (1) Be enrolled in a full-time degree undergraduate or graduate program.
- (2) Be raising preschool children who are enrolled in a childcare institution in Japan. (*)
- (3) Be exempt from the residence tax or paying less than 169,000 yen on income-based levy.
- (4) Not be receiving the Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho, or MEXT) Scholarship or any other scholarship whose amount is equivalent to or larger than it: undergraduate student 119,000 yen, Master's student 146,000 yen, PhD student 147,000 yen.
- *Note: For children who attend an unlicensed childcare institution, consult the staff of Division of Student Welfare

3. Scholarship Duration

From April 2019 to March 2020

During the approved months from April through March in the approved fiscal year

4. Scholarship Amount

The half of the actual monthly childcare fees, up to 20,000 for each child, will be covered by the scholarship. The scholarship payment is not made on monthly-basis but lump-sum payment is made: once in half an academic year.

5. Required Documents

- (1) Application Form for Tsukuba Scholarship for Childcare
- (2) Income Certificate or Tax/Tax Exemption Certificate that indicates both the amounts of "the capital levy" (*kinto-wari*) and "the income levy" (*shotoku-wari*) of the residence tax
- (3) Enrollment Certificate of the childcare institution
- (4) A copy of Payment Report of Child Allowance
- (5) Other documents if asked to provide(cf. receipt of childcare fees)

6. Application Period and Place to Submit

Application Period: April 1-May 7, 2019

Where to Submit: The Student Support Section or Academic Affairs Section of applicant's Academic Service Office.

Please note that applications must be submitted strictly during the application period. No application may be accepted after the deadline in any cases.

7. Selection and Result Notification

Scholarship recipients will be selected by comprehensive screenings of the application documentation. The number of recipients will depend on the budget. The selection results will be notified to all applicants.

8. Obligation

In case the child is withdrawn from the childcare institution, the scholarship recipient must immediately notify the Student Support Section or Academic Affairs Section of his/her Academic Service Office.

9. Important Notices

The scholarship payment will be suspended or cancelled if any of the followings occur:

- (1) The recipient takes a leave of absence.
- (2) The recipient has been absent from school for a long period of time.
- (3) False information in the documents or injustice upon application is found.
- (4) Low academic achievement is recognized or extremely inappropriate behaviors as a scholarship recipient are displayed.
- (5) Requirements related to the program are not fulfilled.

Note that if any of the cases (1) to (5) occurs, the recipient must refund all or a part of the scholarship.