

## **Application Guideline**

### **AY 2020 Spring Semester: Tsukuba Scholarship for Childcare**

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**

Students who meet all of the following requirements can apply for this scholarship:

- (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: In case of the children who attend an unlicensed childcare institution, please consult the staff of the Division of Student Welfare before you submit the application.

#### **3. Period of Scholarship:** From April 2020 until September 2020

#### **4. Scholarship Allowance**

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) Tsukuba Scholarship for Childcare Application Form
- (2) a) Income certificate or b) the latest Taxation Certificate of all family members living in Japan 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) Copies of the daycare / preschool receipt (\*the receipts issued after April, 2020)
- (6) Other documents (if deemed necessary)

## **6. Application Period and Place to Submit**

Application Period: June 1-July 10, 2020

Where to Submit: The Academic Service Office (Student Support Section /Academic Affairs Section) where the applicants belong

<Note> Application deadlines are strictly enforced. Applications and supporting documentations must be submitted by the appropriate deadline. Any documents received after the deadline may not be considered.

## **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. Recipient Obligation**

In case the child is withdrawn from the childcare institution, the scholarship recipient must immediately notify his/her Academic Service Office (Student Support Section / Academic Affairs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

## **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 may be ordered to return all or a part of the scholarship payment.