

Application Guideline

AY 2025 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 2025 until September 2025

4. Scholarship Allowance

The half of the actual monthly childcare tuition fee for a child care institution (*except the charge of school meal, or other expenses for additional services), 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, 2025)
- (6) Other documents (if deemed necessary)

6. Application Period and Place to Submit

Application Period: June 6-July 4, 2025

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 accepted for any reason.

7. Selection and Result Notification

Scholarship recipients will be selected by comprehensive screenings of the submitted documents. 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) A false application or by fraudulent means to award the scholarship are 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.