

Regarding the Food Allergy Financial Support for Those Eligible for the School Lunch Support Grant for the 2025 FY

For children who are in receipt of the school lunch support grant by means of public assistance, academic support, free school lunches for the third child onwards or special education financial support, if it is the case they cannot eat all or part of their school lunches due to an allergy or another reason, the remainder of the school lunch fee that is not covered by the school lunch support grant will be paid.

Eligibility Requirements for the Financial Support

Children enrolled in classes from the first year of elementary school to the third year of junior high school in municipal schools in Chiba City (for those in special education schools, students who are in the first department of elementary school until the third department of junior high school) for the 2025 fiscal year are eligible to receive financial support if they meet the requirements of both ① and ② below.

① Households who wish support for the school lunch expenses through one of the following means:

- 1) Public assistance 2) Academic support 3) Free school lunches for the third child onwards
- 4) Special education financial support

※ 4) only those who receive the notice will be eligible for this support (even those who may be receiving special education financial support may not be eligible for this benefit)

② The students is unable to have all of the school lunch due to an allergy or other reason

※ In cases where a school lunch modification notice has been submitted to the school for a school lunch category other than “complete school lunch”.

※ In cases where the school lunch is category is a “temporary suspension of the school lunch” and the child is bringing their own alternative lunch to school.

Regarding the Process from Application to Receiving the Financial Support

1 Application

The “1. Application for 2025 FY School Lunch Financial Support” will be sent out to households with eligible children. After receiving the application form, please fill in the necessary information and send it back to the Health and Physical Education Division at the Chiba City Board of Education using the enclosed return envelope (if you contact the Health and Physical Education Division at the Board of Education, it is possible to submit it directly at their consultation desk).

2 Decision

After reviewing the application, if it is decided that the financial support will be awarded, a “2. Financial Support Decision Notice” will be sent out one to two months after application.

The “Financial Support Decision” is confirmation that your child is eligible to receive the financial support. The actual amount will be calculated when all the information has been confirmed at the end of the fiscal year.

3 Financial Support Payment

After receiving confirmation of the financial support decision, the number of days which the eligible child attended school on which the school lunch was offered during the current fiscal year will be determined at the end of the fiscal year. A “③ Financial Support Award Notice” will then be sent out in April 2026 to notify you of the payment amount. The “Financial Support Award Notice” contains information about the payment amount, the bank account to which the financial support will be transferred and the transfer period.

Financial Support Application Period and Financial Support Period for the 2025 FY(①)

Initial Application Period: Friday the 30st of January 2026

Final Application Period (any time): Tuesday the 31st of March 2026

Financial Support Period: April 2025~March 2026

(the period in which the financial support is available)

- ※ If the application is sent by post, the postmark date will be taken as the application date. If submitted at a consultation desk, it will be accepted on the same day. The address is listed below.
- ※ This is not the application period for other support systems (public assistance/academic support/free school lunches for the third child onwards/special education financial support).
- ※ The above period will apply to all applications submitted by the application deadline.

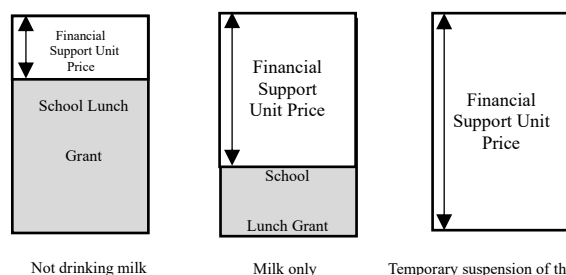
Regarding the Financial Support Award Period

- From May 2026 onwards (the lump sum payment will be made for the 2025 FY)

Regarding the Financial Support Amount

The financial support amount is calculated by multiplying the number of days that the child attends school on which the school lunch is provided during the eligibility period in which the requirements are met (as outlined on the first page) by the unit price of the school lunch category (differs to the whole school lunch).

- ※ If your child is receiving the school lunch fee through funds allocated through special education financial assistance, the unit price of the financial support may be halved.



Unit Price × Actual No. of Days = Financial Support Amount

- ※ The “actual number of days” refers to the days on which the child attends school and receives school lunches during the financial support eligibility period (as outlined on the first page).
- ※ The “actual number of days” does not include days when the school lunch was not provided due to events etc.

For Those in Receipt of Public Assistance: Income Declaration Submission Required

It is necessary to declare your income for the purposes of receiving the financial support if you are in receipt of public welfare.

After receiving the financial support, please submit your income declaration form along with the “Financial Support Award Notice” (3) to the Social Support Services Division in your ward.

※If you have any enquiries regarding your income declaration, please ask the Social Support Services Division in each ward.

For Guardians Who Have Not Yet Applied for “Free School Lunches for the Third Child Onwards”

For parents who have not applied for the “free school lunches for the third child onwards” in for the 2025 FY because their children do not normally eat school lunch (“temporary suspension of the school lunch”), it is possible to apply for the “free school lunches” grant along with the financial support application. If it is decided that both the “free school lunches” and the financial support will be awarded, they will be granted retroactively from April 2025.

However, the deadline for new applications for the “free school lunches for the third child and onwards” is Friday the 27th of February 2026. If anything is unclear regarding the application process, please enquire using the below contact information.

For all enquiries (applications/consultations):

Public Accounting Group, Health and Physical Education Division,

Chiba City Board of Education

10th Floor, High-Rise Building, Chiba City Hall, 1-1 Chibaminato, Chuo Ward, Chiba City

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