

Child Allowance

Child Allowance is intended to contribute to the stability of home life and the healthy growth of children who will support the society of the next generation.

When giving birth or moving-in, please apply within 15 days of the day following your change in circumstances.

Application Procedures

- ◆ If you become eligible through birth, moving or other circumstances, please submit a 'Child Allowance Authorization Application Form' to the counters of Ward Offices and General Branch Offices (refer to the list of inquiry counters on the next page).
- ◆ Application can be accepted via postal mail. In this case, we consider the date of application to be the day that your application form arrived at the office.
- ◆ If you are a public servant, please apply at your place of employment (however, you may be required to apply to the City of Sendai depending on the employment status, so please confirm the details at your place of employment).
- ◆ Independent Administrative Agency staff should apply to the City of Sendai.

- As a general rule, payment of allowance will begin the month after the application has been made.
- Even if your child's birthday or scheduled day (or actual day) of moving out from your previous residence is close to the end of the month, child allowance will begin from the following month by applying within 15 days of the day following your change in circumstances.
- If "day 15" falls on a day offices are closed (Saturdays, Sundays or National Holidays), the application deadline will be the following business day.
- Around long holidays or year-end and New Year holidays, the number of operational days for Ward Offices and General Branch Offices is fewer than usual.
- If you are late in completing the procedures, you will not receive payment for that month, so please be careful.

Documents Necessary for Application

【Necessary Documents】

- ① Child Allowance Authorization Application Form¹ (available at the application counter and on the official website of the City of Sendai)
 - ※¹The applicant or their spouse must write down their individual numbers (My Number). Please bring your My Number Card or Notification Card² and a form of identification with a photo, such as a driver's license.
 - ※²My Number Notification Letter is not accepted. The information written on the Notification Card must correspond to the registered information on the current Residence Record.
- ② A copy of the applicant's health insurance card (for some health insurance cards, a pension certificate may also be necessary)
- ③ A copy of proof of bank account in the name of the applicant
(Payment cannot be made to the bank account of the applicant's spouse or child.)

【Documents to be attached if Applicable】

- ④ Statement and other Documents
 - <If you live separately from your child, you will need to provide a statement and Residence Record (head of the household, relationship to the child, legal domicile, and first person written on the family register) for all family members of the household to which the child belongs. Copies are not accepted. For those whose child is living separately within Sendai City, you are not required to submit the Residence Record.>
 - ※The documents in ② - ④ can be provided at a later date.
 - ※Please note that other documents may also be required depending on the circumstances of the applicant.

When Statement Forms are Required

In case of the following circumstances, please submit documentation to the counter of your local Ward Office or General Branch Office. Necessary statement forms are available at counters of Ward Offices, or the official website of the City of Sendai.

- The recipient and the child begin living separately or they begin living together
- If you wish to change the recipient's bank account due to marriage or other circumstances
- An increase or decrease in number of children (birth, adoption, transfer of custody, etc.)
- The recipient moves out of Sendai City or the recipient no longer has custody of the child
- The recipient passes away
- The recipient becomes a public servant or is no longer a public servant
- The recipient is no longer the guardian of underage children
- The child leaves the child welfare facility
- Changes in the eligible child's main supporter due to marriage or other reason
- ※ Other than the above, you may be required to submit additional documents depending on your circumstances.

If the recipient moves out of Sendai City, the application procedure must be completed in the new municipality within 15 days from the day following your change in circumstances (or scheduled day). If you are late in completing the procedures, you will not receive payment for that month, so please be careful.

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Eligibility Requirements

◆ Eligible Children

As a general rule, children living in Japan who have not yet graduated from junior high school (from birth until the March 31st after their 15th birthday)

◆ Recipient of Payments

Any of the following persons who live in Sendai City are eligible:

- ① Either the child's father or mother who is the main income earner (Non-Japanese with resident registration are also eligible)
- ② The child's guardian
- ③ If the child's parents live in a foreign country, the child's appointed guardians
- ④ The child's foster parents
- ⑤ Any person other than ①-④ above who is providing the child's livelihood

However, if the child is under the care of any child welfare facility, that facility will be the recipient of payments.

Sum of Payments (Monthly amount per child)

◆ Payment Day

As a rule, payments will be made on the 15th of June, October, and February.

※If the payment day falls on a scheduled holiday for banks, the payment will be made on the preceding business day.

※ June payment: February-May allowance / October payment: June-September allowance / February payment: October-January allowance

◆ Sum of Payments

Monthly amount per child is as follows.

	【For persons whose income falls below the income limit】		【For persons whose income is over the income limit】		
General recipient of payments	Under 3 years old (until the month of the 3rd birthday)-	15,000yen	All ages from birth to junior high school age	5,000yen	
	3 years old - elementary school	First child, second child*			10,000yen
		Third child and above*			15,000yen
	Junior high school age	10,000yen			
Facilities and other recipients of payments	Under 3 years old (until the month of the 3rd birthday)	15,000yen	*The income limit does not apply to facilities.		
	3 years old - Junior high school age	10,000yen			

*Birth order will be by date of birth for children up to 18 years of age. 18 year olds are only included until the March 31 after their 18th birthday.

Income Limit

※Not the total combined income of both the father and mother.

The allowance for April and May of the relevant year will be determined based on the recipient's income of the second preceding year. The allowance from June of the relevant year to May of the following year will be determined based on the recipient's income of the previous year. The income limit is subject to change due to the revision of national law.

Number of Dependent Relatives	0	1	2	3	4 and above
Income Limit (Unit: yen)	6,220,000	6,600,000	6,980,000	7,360,000	380,000 will be added for each additional dependent

*Determination is based on the recipient's income and the recipient's spouse's income taken separately, not the combined household income. The higher of the two incomes will be used to determine the allowance provided.

*There is an additional amount if the dependent relative is an elderly spouse qualified for deduction or an elderly dependent (aged 70 and over).

★ 「**Dependent Relatives**」 : Spouse qualified for deduction and dependent relatives as defined for municipal tax purposes.

★ 「**Income Limit**」 : The amount obtained after deducting necessary expenses from income
In the official income calculation, if there is retirement income, transfer income, or miscellaneous income, these will be totalled and a uniform deduction applied (80,000 yen). Deductions will also be applied for miscellaneous losses, medical expenses, persons with disabilities, and widow(er)s. Deduction for widow(er)s will be applied to unmarried, single parents by application.

Notification of Present Conditions

You must fill out and submit the notification for your conditions as of June 1 every year if receiving the allowance. The necessary documents and instructions will be sent to you in June every year, so please submit them by the deadline.

Application, Notification and Inquiry Counter

For more information, please contact the following offices.

Aoba Ward Office Health Insurance and Pension Section, Child-rearing and Benefit Subsection	TEL.022-225-7211
Miyagino Ward Office Health Insurance and Pension Section, Child-rearing and Benefit Subsection	TEL.022-291-2111
Wakabayashi Ward Office Health Insurance and Pension Section, Child-rearing and Benefit Subsection	TEL.022-282-1111
Taihaku Ward Office Health Insurance and Pension Section, Child-rearing and Benefit Subsection	TEL.022-247-1111
Izumi Ward Office Health Insurance and Pension Section, Child-rearing and Benefit Subsection	TEL.022-372-3111
Miyagi General Branch Office Public Health and Welfare Section, Childcare and Benefit Subsection	TEL.022-392-2111
Akiu General Branch Office Public Health and Welfare Section, Welfare Subsection	TEL.022-399-2111