



## Application Guide for Osaka Prefecture Children's Food Expense Support Program (2<sup>nd</sup> round)

Recent price hikes have been putting a heavy strain on household spending. Child-raising households are particularly impacted by rising food prices, as food costs make up a large portion of their household budgets. In light of this situation, we will provide rice or other food items to all children living in Osaka Prefecture.

◆ **Application period: From 9:00, Friday, September 1, 2023 to 23:59, Thursday, November 30, 2023**

\* If applying by post, the application must be postmarked by November 30.

◆ **Deadline to choose support type after passing application : Wednesday, January 31, 2024**

\* The validity period of the "Rice PAY Osaka (rice coupon)" is also until Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

\* If you do not request which support type you would like by the deadline, we will assume you have withdrawn your application.

<b>Food support types</b>	<b><u>A. "Rice PAY Osaka (rice coupon)"</u> or <u>B. Food item (Select rice or a food item from the food selection page.)</u></b>	
	* Each item is worth 5,000 yen including tax and shipping charges	
	* The coupon can be exchanged for uncooked rice only (white, brown, or germinated rice). It cannot be used for cooked or multigrain rice.	
<b>Who is eligible for the program?</b>	<b>(1) Children aged 18 or younger</b>	<b>(2) Expectant mothers</b>
	Those born on or after April 2, 2005	Those who are pregnant on the date of their application. *Documentation that proves you are pregnant is required. (e.g., Maternal and Child Health Handbook)
<b>Who can apply?</b>	Guardian* of the child (Children may apply on their own if they are the head of household). * "Guardian" includes: the person who has parental custody, a designated guardian of the child, or any other adult who is taking care of the child.	
<b>Application process</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Read the contents of the dedicated webpage below before applying.              (Available until November 30, 2023) <a href="https://osaka-kodomoshien.com">https://osaka-kodomoshien.com</a></li> <li>2. Your submitted application will be reviewed by the Osaka Prefectural government.              (If your application has errors or is incomplete, we will contact you individually.)</li> <li>3. The results of the review will be sent to the email address you provided.</li> <li>4. Recipients who passed the application will be notified of how to request their food support. Please follow the instructions. (Please request by January 31, 2024*). (*The rice coupon also expires on January 31, 2024.)</li> <li>5. [Those who selected "A" from the food selection page] You will receive an email containing a 20 character charge code. Charge the "Rice PAY Osaka (rice coupon)" on the region PAY app and redeem it for rice at eligible stores.              [Those who selected "B" from the food selection page] The item you selected will be delivered to the address you provided.</li> </ol>	
<b>Identity verification documents</b>	<p><b>[Identification verification documents are required for both <u>the recipient</u> and <u>the applicant</u>.]</b>          An identity verification document is a document issued by a public institution that contains your name, residence, and date of birth. e.g. "My Number" card (front side only), driver's license, resident card, special permanent resident certificate, health insurance card, welfare recipient card, certificate of residence (which includes the head of household and family relationship(must not include "My Number"); this certificate is required if the recipient himself or herself is the head of the household or the applicant doesn't have parental custody of the recipient), etc.          ※In addition, foster parents need a foster care certificate, and expectant mothers need a maternal and child health handbook.</p>	
<b>Notes on application</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applications should be submitted via the internet.*</li> <li>• Applications should be submitted once per eligible recipient.</li> <li>• Children who have moved from other prefectures on or after April 1, 2023 are not eligible.</li> <li>• Children born to women who have already received support as expectant mothers under (2) from above are not eligible.</li> <li>• In principle, food support will be sent to <b><u>the address of the eligible recipient</u></b>.</li> <li>• If we do not receive your request for food support by the deadline, we will assume that you have withdrawn your application.</li> <li>• After the application has been approved, if it is determined that any of the application requirements have not been met, we will revoke the approval.</li> </ul>	



For inquiries about this program:

**Call Center for Osaka Prefecture Children's Food Expense Support Program**

[Operating hours] Weekdays 9:00-18:00 (not available on Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays)

**TEL: 0120-479-208**

\*If you cannot apply online, please contact the call center.