Notice: Personally Funded International Students (i.e. Unsponsored Students)

Niigata City International Exchange Foundation provides ¥5,000 in assistance to students who are enrolled in Niigata City's National Health Insurance program for a full fiscal year (from April of this year to March of the following year) and have successfully made all of their insurance payments.



## Individuals Who Are Ineligible for Monetary Assistance:

- International students who are receiving funding from the national government, prefectural government, or a foreign government.
- Individuals who are not in the "Student" status of residence (visa status) category.
- Individuals who are not enrolled in Niigata City's National Health Insurance program.
- Unsponsored international students who had a certain amount of income in Japan in the previous fiscal year (e.g., a salary of ¥980,000 or more), or who were being supported by a person with an income during the previous fiscal year.

For students who continue to study at their current school/university after April of this year:

- By May of this year, you must complete all of your insurance payments for the previous fiscal year to be eligible.
- Follow your school's instructions, and submit your application between April-May.
- Monetary assistance will be paid by July 31 to your designated bank account.

For students who are graduating from/leaving their current school in March of this year:

- By February of this year, you must complete all of your insurance payments for the 1<sup>st</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> periods to be eligible (Don't forget to pay the 9<sup>th</sup> period after).
- Follow your school's instructions, and submit your application while you are still enrolled.
- Monetary assistance will be paid by March 31 to your designated bank account.

\*It is possible to apply for this monetary aid even if you aren't the head of your household, but monetary aid will be limited to ¥5,000 per household.

\*If the designated bank account is closed before the monetary fund is paid, the application will be regarded as canceled.



## How to Apply:

Please fill out the application form and submit it to your school's international student supervisor along with the following documents:

- A copy of your insurance card (front) and copies of the cards of all members of your household, if applicable.
- 2. A copy of the page in your bankbook that shows your name, bank branch, and account number.



Monetary assistance comes from the Niigata City International Exchange Foundation, the Niigata International Volunteer Center (NVC), and many donations from the citizens of Niigata City.

The National Health Insurance program depends on insurance payments from all its participants. Please be sure to pay all your fees on time.



For more information:

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Or contact your school's advisor for international exchange students.