

English Newsletter



FY2023 Financial Aid for School Supplies



FOR CHILDREN ENTERING GRADE 1 OR GRADE 7

The 10,000 yen per child financial aid will be given to resident tax-exempt households with children who will be enrolled in (1) grade 1 at an elementary school in Ginowan or an out-of-town special needs elementary school in April 2024 or (2) grade 7 at a junior high school in Ginowan or an out-of-town special needs junior high school in April 2024.

Households currently receiving welfare (*seikatsu hogo*) are not eligible for this aid. Households that are receiving financial support from family (such as grandparents) are also not eligible.

This financial aid is funded by local residents' donations to the Okinawa Bank Smart Kira☆Kira Enrollment Fund and Kira☆Kira Enrollment Fund. As such, the amount of aid given may change depending on the amount of donation or applications received.

The application period is 11/1 (Wed)-12/22 (Fri). Submit an application to the Ginowan City Council of Social Welfare (open 9-5 on weekdays). If you filed your taxes with another municipality earlier this year, you must submit a Reiwa 5 Resident Tax Income Certificate (*shikenminzei shotoku shomeisho*). The results of your application will be delivered to your home at the end of February by a social worker. For more details, please contact the Council of Social Welfare at 098-892-6525 or in person at 2-7-1 Akamichi.

Pop. as of October

TOTAL POP.	100,189 (+52)
TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS	47,371 (+63)
FOREIGN RESIDENTS	1,793 (+29)
NATIONALITIES	52 (+1)

Did You Know?



11/16 is Potato Day in Okinawa! Sweet potatoes are called *imo* in Japanese, and *imu* or *umu* in the Okinawan language. This day was chosen for its pun on 1 (*i*) and 6 (*mo*). Sweet potato was first introduced to the island 400 years ago and quickly became a staple in Okinawan cuisine. Today, it is a popular symbol of Okinawa.



Dog ownership etiquette is very important too!



Dog ownership etiquette is essential to ensure peaceful coexistence

between fellow neighbours and your four-legged friend. Make sure to:



Train your dog not to bark, especially during the night and early mornings!



Pick up after your dog in public spaces!

Register and Vaccinate Your Dog!

ANNUAL VACCINATION REQUIRED



The Rabies Prevention Law stipulates that owners must register canines older than 91 days with the municipal government and have them vaccinated for rabies once every year. If you haven't done so already, please do so as soon as possible. You can get a registration tag and rabies vaccination tag at the Environmental Affairs Division or at any affiliated clinics (list available on our website - Japanese only).

November is Orange Ribbon - Child Abuse Prevention Month

WHAT IS "CHILD ABUSE"?

PHYSICAL ABUSE

Shaking, punching, pouring hot water on a child, locking a child out, etc.

Verbally threatening or ignoring a child, arguing or hitting a family member in front of a child, etc.

EMOTIONAL ABUSE

NEGLECT

Starving a child, leaving a child in a vehicle or home alone, not taking a child to a hospital or dentist, etc.

Showing sexual images or videos to a child, having intercourse with a child, coercing a child into performing sexual acts, showing genitals or sexual acts to a child, etc.

SEXUAL ABUSE

If You Suspect a Child is Being Harmed - Report It to the Authorities. The Confidentiality of Your Identity and Report Will Be Protected.

Reporting suspected child abuse and neglect is everyone's responsibility. Even if it is proven that there is no maltreatment, you will not be held liable. Your identity will be kept in strict confidence.

When you should alert the authorities:

1. A child is crying excessively
2. A child has unnatural bruises or is being raised in unsanitary conditions
3. A child's parent/guardian is showing signs of burnout or frustration

Ginowan City Children and Families Division

098-893-4643



Okinawa Pref. Koza Children's Consultation Centre

098-937-0859

Ginowan Police Station

098-898-0110

Okinawa Child Abuse Hotline

098-886-2900

National Child Consultation Hotline

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The 2023 Ginowan City

Fire Rescue Service and Medic Fair

The Ginowan City Fire Department Headquarters is hosting the this year's Fire Rescue Service and Medic Fair on 12/2. Come learn life-saving first aid techniques and get a glimpse into the everyday life of our emergency responders.

2023.12.2 Sat 13:00-16:00

*We may limit on the number of people who can partake in interactive activities.

*There is a height limit for ladder trucks.

*The event may be cancelled in the event of severe weather or an emergency.

Ginowan Fire Department Headquarters
Fire Defense Division ☎098-896-2548

Interactive Activities

1. Learn how to use an AED
2. See firefighting vehicle and equipment up close
3. Ride on a ladder truck
4. Conduct mock rescue, use a fire hose, try on a firefighting suit
5. Learn how to use a fire extinguisher
6. Take part in a disaster prevention drill

