



College Scholarship Opportunity for 6-9 grade students!

Applications are currently being accepted for the Pinellas Education Foundation's Take Stock in Children Scholarship Program

Candidates MUST be on Free/Reduced Lunch (cafeteria letter required to apply), attend a Pinellas County public middle or high school, have good grades, behavior and attendance for the past 12 months

AND families MUST submit online application and meet USDA Federal Income Guidelines (see back for USDA Federal Income Guidelines)

Foundation Take Stock in Children scholars receive:

- A Scholarship A tuition-only Florida Prepaid College Scholarship, which can be used at any university, college, or vocational/technical school that accepts financial aid. (Value — up to 120 state college credit hours)
- **A Mentor** A volunteer mentor who will meet with your child bi-weekly at school, to assist and encourage your child to achieve their highest potential.



A College Success Coach - A Take Stock staff person who will help your child design a college success plan and guide them through middle and high school, and transition into college.

How to Apply

If you would like to **complete an application for your student** (who must be in grades 6 - 9) to become part of the Take Stock in Children scholarship program, go to the link below and complete the application form within the application acceptance timeframe of

August 27, 2018 through January 18, 2019.

Here is the link to apply:

https://www.pinellaseducation.org/tsic



INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Effective from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

| HOUSEHOLD | | | TWICE PER | EVERY TWO | |
|---|----------|---------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| SIZE | ANNUALLY | MONTHLY | MONTH | WEEKS | WEEKLY |
| 1 | 22,459 | 1,872 | 936 | 864 | 432 |
| 2 | 30,451 | 2,538 | 1,269 | 1,172 | 586 |
| 3 | 38,443 | 3,204 | 1,602 | 1,479 | 740 |
| 4 | 46,435 | 3,870 | 1,935 | 1,786 | 893 |
| 5 | 54,427 | 4,536 | 2,268 | 2,094 | 1,047 |
| 6 | 62,419 | 5,202 | 2,601 | 2,401 | 1,201 |
| 7 | 70,411 | 5,868 | 2,934 | 2,709 | 1,355 |
| 8 | 78,403 | 6,534 | 3,267 | 3,016 | 1,508 |
| For each additional family member, add | 7,992 | 666 | 333 | 308 | 154 |

Income guidelines provided by USDA.gov

Reminder: Total income before taxes, social security, health benefits, union dues, or other deductions must be reported.

Qualified financial document options **REQUIRED** with the scholarship application are as follows:

(only 1 is necessary & student's name must be listed):

- Most recent 1040 tax return (pages 1 & 2, must show student applicant as a dependent) or
- Federal Food Assistance Document (listing student applicant as eligible) or
- Social Security Income or
- Proof of guardianship for students that are considered wards of the state (may be considered)

Finalists will be notified in February – March of 2019. All finalists will need to attend a scholarship signing event in the spring to officially join the Take Stock in Children program

The Pinellas Education Foundation is a proud partner with Pinellas County Schools



