



## Take Stock in Children Pinellas

*Providing Scholarships, Mentors and Hope*

### *What is the Take Stock in Children Program?*

The Take Stock in Children scholarship program is for students that qualify for free/reduced lunch, earn C's or higher in their classes, have good attendance, good behavior, and have additional risk factors that make achieving a college or technical school education after high school a challenge.

Our program is based on the principal that given extensive support, motivation and accountability, children will work hard to ensure that they graduate from high school and attain a college or technical school degree.

**Take Stock in Children Pinellas** scholarship recipients receive:

- **A Scholarship** - A tuition-only Florida Prepaid College Scholarship, which can be used at any university, college, or vocational/technical school approved by Florida Prepaid. Value – up to \$14,000
- **A Mentor** - A volunteer mentor who will meet with you weekly at school, with cooperation from the school and parent (s), to assist and encourage you to achieve your full potential.
- **A College Success Coach** - A Take Stock staff person will help you design a college success plan and guide you through your middle and high school transition and in to college.

### *How to Apply*

If you would like to **complete an application for your student**, who must be in grades 6 - 10 to become part of the Take Stock in Children scholarship program, go to the following link and complete the application form within the application acceptance timeframe of **September 5, 2017 through January 26, 2018**.

**<https://www.pinellaseducation.org/tsicapplication>**

**Supporting financial documents are required** (see page 2) and can be uploaded to the on-line application or sent via fax to 727-588-4822, or via mail to the Pinellas Education Foundation, 12090 Starkey Rd, Largo, FL 33773, attn: TSIC.

**Refer to page 2 for federal income guidelines and a list of qualified financial documents.**

Finalists will be notified in February – April of 2018. All finalists will need to attend a scholarship signing event in the spring to officially join the program.

***If you have questions you can contact [tsic@pinellaseducation.org](mailto:tsic@pinellaseducation.org) or 727-588-4816***

\*If you do not have access to a computer please request a paper application through the contact information above.



## INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Effective from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ANNUALLY	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY
1	22,311	1,860	930	859	430
2	30,044	2,504	1,252	1,156	578
3	37,777	3,149	1,575	1,453	727
4	45,510	3,793	1,897	1,751	876
5	53,243	4,437	2,219	2,048	1,024
6	60,976	5,082	2,541	2,346	1,173
7	68,709	5,726	2,863	2,643	1,322
8	76,442	6,371	3,186	2,941	1,471
For each additional family member, add	7,733	645	323	298	149

Income Guidelines provided by [USDA.gov](http://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)

All Largo MS students need to apply for free and reduced lunch when applying for TSIC scholarship. [www.applyforlunch.com](http://www.applyforlunch.com)