

Pinellas Education Foundation's Take Stock in Children Scholarship Program

Candidates must attend a Pinellas County public middle or high school and have the aspiration to attend college or technical school but not the financial means.

Proof of eligibility will be reviewed with the application.

APPLICATION NOW OPEN! To learn more about this life-changing program, and apply please visit <http://www.pinellaseducation.org/tsic>

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 is up to 120 credit hours at state college rate)

A Mentor – a volunteer mentor who will meet with your child bi-weekly virtually or 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.

98%

of our scholars **graduate from high school** compared to an average of 87% in Florida and 72% for non-TSIC peers

95%

of our scholars **enroll in college** compared to an average of 74% in Florida and 35% for non-TSIC peers

70%

of our scholars **graduate from college** compared to an average of 51% in Florida and 17% for non-TSIC peers

Students must be enrolled full-time in a Pinellas County School and be in the 6th through 9th grade at the time of the application.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY CHART

The chart below outlines the Maximum Annual Income from the FDA and HUD for families who are seeking qualification based on Free/Reduced Lunch or HUD. Please see page two for required verification documents.



Household Size for larger households, please see application	Maximum Annual Income per household, for students currently receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	Maximum Annual Income per household for students meeting Pinellas County HUD Income Guidelines
1	\$23,828	\$25,850
2	\$32,227	\$29,550
3	\$40,626	\$33,250
4	\$49,025	\$36,900
5	\$57,424	\$39,900
6	\$65,823	\$42,850

ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Students may qualify by one or more of the four financial eligibility options below:

OPTION 1: Recipient of Free and Reduced Lunch **PLUS** meet USDA Income Eligibility Guidelines, income chart on front, and provide a Free and Reduced Letter plus first two pages of 2020 income tax return that shows student applicant name as a dependent, both Free/Reduced Lunch eligibility and income guideline must be met for this option (see example)

OR

OPTION 2: HUD Documentation, income chart on front, and provide current HUD Eligibility Letter - student name must appear on HUD letter]

OR

OPTION 3: Medicaid Recipient Documentation [provide CURRENT Medicaid eligibility verification document - student name **MUST** appear on document)

OR

OPTION 4: SNAP or TANF Recipient Documentation [provide CURRENT SNAP or TANF eligibility

Documentation and Sample of Tax Return

IMPORTANT:

Do not submit the following documents as they will not be accepted:

- Employer provided W-2 form
- Check stubs
- Bank statements
- Disability paperwork
- Statement of non-filing of taxes
- Screenshots for any required document

The image shows a sample 2020 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return (Form 1040). Two red arrows point to specific areas: one points to the 'Dependents' section, and another points to Line 9, 'Total income'.

Find Student applicant's name on the tax return. Calculate total number of dependents

Find total family income on Line 9.

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For questions about our program or this application, please contact Take Stock in Children by email at tsic@pinellaseducation.org or call (727) 588-4816, x. 2102.