



**Pinellas Education
Foundation**



**Take Stock in
Children®**

College Scholarship Opportunity for 6-9 grade students!

Pinellas Education Foundation's Take Stock in Children Scholarship Program

Candidates must be on Free/Reduced Lunch, attend a Pinellas County public middle or high school, and have the aspiration to attend college or technical school but not the financial means.

*To learn more about this life-changing program,
please visit www.pinellaseducation.org/tsic*

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 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



The application period for families to apply for the Take Stock in Children program for the 2023-2024 school year will be opened from August 21, 2023 until November 1, 2023

Please note: TSIC Scholarships are awarded to Pinellas County public school students in grades six through nine with demonstrated financial need (family must apply AND qualify for free/reduced lunch). Students are expected to maintain good grades, behavior and attendance, and stay drug and crime free. Parents must agree to support the educational goals of the student and maintain good communication with the school, among other expectations.

Please make sure to have your 2022 1040 tax return available when beginning application.

Scan the QR Code to start the application
or visit: <https://tinyurl.com/TSICStudentapplication>





INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Income Eligibility Guidelines for Free and Reduced Lunch Effective July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Household Size	Qualifying under Free and Reduced Lunch Program Effective July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024	Qualifying under HUD Very Low-Income Limits for Pinellas County Effective 5/15/2023
	Annual Income	50% of Median Annual Income
2	\$36,482	\$34,800
3	\$45,991	\$39,150
4	\$55,500	\$43,450
5	\$65,009	\$46,950
6	\$74,518	\$50,450
7	\$84,027	\$53,900
8	\$93,536	\$57,400
For each additional family member, add:	\$9,509	n/a

Remember: The total income before taxes, social security, health benefits, union dues, or other deductions, must be reported.

If qualifying under this income level, proof of current receipt for free/reduced lunch services must be provided with application.

Income guidelines provided by USDA.gov

Qualified financial document REQUIRED with the online scholarship application:

1040 tax return for 2022* (pages 1 and 2, must show student applicant as a dependent)

****If you do not file taxes, email tsic@pinellaseducation.org for possible alternative options***

Finalists will be notified in February – March 2024. 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



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