



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION 2010-2011

Scholarship recipients receive:

- **A Scholarship**: Tuition-only Florida Prepaid College Scholarship – **Either** a 2-year (60 credit hours at a community college/technical school), **OR** a 2+2 (60 credit hours at a community college + 60 credit hours at a University in the state of Florida). Florida Prepaid Tuition accounts may be used for some approved Vocational and Technical schools. No books or fees are included.
- **A Mentor**: A mentor who will meet with student weekly at school, with cooperation from the school and parent(s), to assist and encourage you to achieve your full potential.

Eligibility requirements include:

- Attend a public school and have legal status in the US
- Student has a minimum 2.3 grade point average (C or better grades)
- FCAT scores - 3 or better
- Student is crime and drug-free
- Household must meet federal low-income eligibility criteria (see inside)

**RETURN THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION TO YOUR
SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR or STUDENT ADVOCATE
NO LATER THAN**

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED!!!

Take Stock in Children of Palm Beach County
2200 N Florida Mango Road, Suite 303, West Palm Beach, FL 33409

Scholarship Criteria

The Take Stock In Children Scholarship and Mentoring program provides college scholarships and mentors to Florida's youth from low-income families. Scholarship recipients and their parents sign a performance contract pledging to stay in school, remain drug free, and out of trouble. Upon successful completion of the program, the students receive either a 2-year or a 2+2 scholarship purchased through the Florida Prepaid College Program.

Eligibility Criteria for Take Stock In Children Program

1. Student is currently in the 7th or 9th grade in a Palm Beach County Public School
2. Student has legal status in the US (born, naturalized, or legal resident).
3. Student currently has and agrees to maintain above average attendance and behavior
4. Student currently has minimum 2.3 G.P.A. (C or better grades)
5. FCAT scores of 3 or better
6. Statement of support from parents or legal guardian
7. Student has completed scholarship application, including required documentation
8. Household meets income eligibility requirements as outlined on INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES document included in this application
9. Student currently has and agrees to maintain a drug and crime free record

Upon award, student must:

1. Maintain a G.P.A. of no less than 2.3 and C or better grade in each subject
2. Continue to exhibit good behavior in and out of school
3. Make a commitment to meet with his/her mentor weekly
4. Pass college level entrance test requirements/FCAT standardized test
5. Graduate from a Florida public high school

In return the student receives:

- **2+2 Scholarship**
A full-tuition, 2+2, Florida Prepaid College Scholarship (60 credit hours of tuition at a Florida community college and 60 credit hours of tuition at any public Florida state university)

OR

- **2-year Scholarship**
A full-tuition, 2-year Florida Prepaid College Scholarship (60 credit hours of tuition at a Florida community college or vocational school).

AND

- **A Mentor**
A mentor is someone 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.



INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Effective from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ANNUALLY	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY
1	20,036	1,670	835	771	386
2	26,955	2,247	1,124	1,037	519
3	33,874	2,823	1,412	1,303	652
4	40,793	3,400	1,700	1,569	785
5	47,712	3,976	1,988	1,836	918
6	54,631	4,553	2,277	2,102	1,051
7	61,550	5,130	2,565	2,368	1,184
8	68,469	5,706	2,853	2,634	1,317
For each additional family member, add	6,919	577	289	267	134

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

Income Guidelines provided by Florida Department of Education

CHECK LIST

FOR THE APPLICANT & PARENT/GUARDIAN

Please complete this application thoroughly so that we can determine your eligibility for participation in the Take Stock in Children Scholarship and Mentoring program.

If any questions are not applicable to your current situation, please note it on the application. If more space is required for information on any items, you may attach additional pages. Do not leave any space uncompleted.

- 1. Determine your eligibility for this program by reading the criteria on the **INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES**, on page 3 of this application.
- 2. Complete the entire **application**, leaving no question unanswered.
- 3. Attach a copy of your **2008 Tax Return form**. If you had no income in 2008, you must submit a copy of: your official 2008 non-filing statement, your SSI award letter, section 508 housing allowance award letter, guardianship document, or other federal or state-sanctioned income verification. **A W-2 is NOT sufficient documentation of income.**
- 4. Have a teacher or guidance counselor who knew you well during the last school year complete the **reference form** found as a part of this application. This form must be turned in with the application.
- 5. Student is a citizen (born or naturalized) or legal resident of the US with a valid Social Security Card. Both documents are to be presented only if accepted into the program. (Do not enclose with application).
- 6. **The entire application, with financial documentation, and completed reference form, must be returned to Take Stock In Children no later than date on first page. You may turn into your Guidance Counselor or mail it directly to:**

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You are responsible for seeing that all supporting documents are submitted and that you meet the eligibility criteria. Take Stock In Children and its affiliate programs reserve the right to process only applications found to be eligible by the guidelines and fully completed.

This application becomes valid only when all required documentation has been submitted as outlined above.



2009-2010 Scholarship Application

Scholarship Contract # _____

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name _____ Student ID # _____

School _____ Grade _____

Social Security # _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Male Female

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Street _____ Email _____

City, State, Zip _____ How long at current address? _____

Is Student a U.S. Citizen? Yes No (Proof of legal residency/citizenship is required)

For statistical purposes only please have the student select his/her ethnic and racial group:

Ethnicity: Hispanic Non-Hispanic

Race: White Black Asian American Indian Pacific Islander

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Mother/Guardian _____
(Last) (First) (M)

Age: _____ Last Grade Completed in School: _____

Father /Guardian _____
(Last) (First) (M)

Age: _____ Last Grade Completed in School: _____

Language(s) spoken at home: _____

Applicant lives with:

<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Stepmother	<input type="checkbox"/> Grandmother	<input type="checkbox"/> Guardian
<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Stepfather	<input type="checkbox"/> Grandfather	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward of Court
Other: _____			

Number of brothers: _____ Number of sisters: _____

Please list all persons living in the home other than student/applicant:

Name	Age	Relationship	Last Grade Completed

Independent siblings living outside the home:

Name	Age	Relationship	Last Grade Completed

PARENT STATEMENT

Please check any special family situations that might be relevant to school success (add any other situations that are not listed). Feel free to add any additional information in the space provided.

- Single Parent
- English not spoken in home
- Custody Issues
- Serious illness in household
- Loss of employment
- Homelessness
- Extended family in home
- Bus rides 45 minutes+
- Absent Parent
- Poor relations between parents
- Disabled student or family member
- Migrant Worker
- Teen Parent
- Extended family raising student

Please list below any special family situations that might be relevant to school success

If either parent/guardian is unemployed, please explain circumstances (why, how long, etc.)

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

HOUSEHOLD INCOME VERIFICATION IS REQUIRED. YOU MUST INCLUDE A COPY OF YOUR 2008 INCOME TAX RETURN. If you had no income in 2008, you must submit a copy of: your official 2008 non-filing statement, your SSI award letter, welfare benefits award letter, section 508 housing allowance award letter, or other form of federal or state-sanctioned income verification. **A W-2 is NOT sufficient documentation of income.**

Including your job(s), child support payments, and any other income, please list your monthly income sources:

\$ _____ from _____

\$ _____ from _____

\$ _____ from _____

\$ _____ from _____

\$ _____ **TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME**

Please check the services you currently receive or have received within the last year:

- Food Stamps Medicaid
 Social Security Section 508 Housing Allowance Other: please list below

Have you ever received Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)? Yes No
And are you currently employed? Yes No *If you answer Yes to both, your child may qualify for a Workforce Alliance scholarship through Take Stock in Children.*

Do you or the student/applicant have a savings account, 401 (k), or any other type of investments?

- Yes No Approximate balance: \$ _____

Does this student have a Florida Prepaid College Account? Yes No
(Having a Florida Prepaid Account does not affect the awarding of a Take Stock in Children Scholarship. This information is for account-tracking purposes as required by Florida Pre-Paid.)

Do you own your own home? Yes No
If yes, what is amount of your monthly payment? \$ _____
If yes, how long have you lived there? _____

Do you rent? Yes No
If yes, what is the amount of your monthly payment? \$ _____
If yes, how long have you lived here? _____

Do you live with someone without paying rent? Yes No
Who? _____
How long have you lived here? _____

STUDENT INFORMATION: MUST BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT.

What is your favorite subject in school? _____

Why? _____

What is your least favorite subject? _____

Why? _____

When and where do you complete your homework? _____

Who helps you with your homework? _____

How often do you turn homework in on time? Never Sometimes Most of the time Always

List any extra-curricular activities you participate in, including clubs and sports. _____

Please tell us about any hobbies or interests that you have that you might like to talk about or learn more about. _____

What chores do you perform at home? _____

List any awards you have received in school or other activities. _____

What do you want to do after college? What career? _____

How do you plan to achieve this? _____

Who is someone that you look up to? _____
Why? _____

Describe your personality. _____

Tell us at least one thing that you like about yourself and you are proud of. _____

Upon acceptance into the Take Stock in Children Program, you will be required to meet with a mentor each week during school hours. A mentor is a caring adult volunteer that will become a friend and role-model to help guide you through your high school years. How do you feel about having an adult to speak with each week?

STATEMENT OF AUTHENTICITY:

This program requires parents to participate in workshops and activities that will assist their student in being successful.

Are you willing to participate in a minimum of two (2) workshops/events per year?

Yes

No

In submitting this application, I certify the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. All required documentation has been attached. I understand that the information contained in this application may be shared with the Take Stock in Children selection committee, the program staff and my student’s mentor. I also certify that my child meets the program income requirements (see Page 3). I give permission to the *School District of Palm Beach County* to share my child’s records with **Take Stock in Children** and all its representatives. I acknowledge that upon acceptance into the Take Stock in Children Program I am authorizing permission for the promotion and publication of my award.

I understand that falsification or omission of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted.

Applicant’s Signature: _____ Date _____

Printed name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

Printed name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

Printed name: _____

A copy of your child’s permanent record will be attached to this form

*You may attach any information you may deem appropriate to support your child eligibility for the program

TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN APPLICANT REFERENCE

Student Name / School / Grade

This form is to be completed by a counselor, advisor, teacher, or principal who knew you well in the previous school year.

You have been asked to provide information in support of this student for the Take Stock in Children Scholarship. Please complete and return to applicant.

This reference form is an integral part of this student’s application. Please take care to complete it thoroughly and include any relevant information that may impact the award of this scholarship.

The applicant’s achievement reflect his/her ability	<input type="checkbox"/> Extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/> Very well	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/> Not well
The applicant’s ability to set realistic and attainable goals is	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor
The quality of the applicant’s commitment to school and community is	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor
The applicant is sincerely motivated to succeed scholastically.	<input type="checkbox"/> Extremely	<input type="checkbox"/> Sufficiently	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately	<input type="checkbox"/> Fairly
The applicant demonstrates good problem-solving skills, follows through, and completes tasks.	<input type="checkbox"/> Extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/> Very well	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/> Not well
The applicant's respect for self and others is	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor

Comments: _____

Reference Signature

Name Printed

Date

Position

School

Phone Number