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SCHOLARSHIP and MENTORING PROGRAM APPLICATION 2019-2020

The Brevard Schools Foundations Take Stock in Children program provides mentoring and college scholarships to Brevard County's deserving income eligible youth. Scholarship recipients and their parent/guardian sign a participation agreement pledging that the student will attend school regularly, meet with a mentor, remain drug and crime free and attend all required TSIC events. The parent/guardian agrees to support and encourage the student to achieve their full potential. Upon successful completion of the program, the student will receive a 2-year college scholarship (Florida Prepaid account for 60 credit hours) payable at the state college rate. Take Stock in Children serves students throughout the state of Florida.

Eligibility requirements include:

- ♦ Student is enrolled in grade(s) 7, 8 or 9 in a Brevard County Public School
- ♦ Student has a GPA of 2.5 or higher
- ♦ Household must meet federal income guidelines listed on the Income Eligibility Guidelines page
- ♦ Additional eligibility criteria listed on Eligibility Criteria for TSIC Program page
- ♦ Must be a United States citizen -proof of citizenship may be required

****Please note: Submission of an application/or an interview does not guarantee admission to the program**

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, October 11, 2019

Address: Brevard Schools Foundation - Take Stock in Children
2700 Judge Fran Jamieson Way Viera, FL 32940



Visit www.brevardschoolsfoundation.org for more information.

Eligibility Criteria for Take Stock in Children Program

1. Student is currently in grade 7, 8 or 9 in a Brevard Public School.
2. Student currently has a GPA of 2.5 or higher (B-C+ average).
3. Student must have passed most recent **FSA/EOC at level 3** or higher in at least one area (math, reading) and have **no less** than **level 2** in the other (math, reading).
4. Both student and parent / guardian must complete this program application in its entirety and must attach all required documentation.
Incomplete applications will not be processed.
5. Household must meet income eligibility requirements as outlined within this application.
6. Student currently has and agrees to maintain a drug and crime-free record.
7. Student and parent / guardian must attend program interview.
8. It is strongly recommended that the student participate in the AVID program, if it is available at their school.

Upon acceptance into the TSIC program, student responsibilities:

1. Maintain a cumulative GPA of **2.5 or higher**.
2. Continue to exhibit good behavior and attendance.
3. Make a commitment to meet with his/her mentor weekly.
4. Must pass FSA/EOC.
5. Attend/Graduate from a Florida public high school.

Upon admittance into the TSIC program, the student receives:

- **A Mentor**

A Mentor is an adult volunteer who will meet with the student weekly at school to assist and encourage them to achieve their full potential. All TSIC mentors have been cleared through the BPS District Security office.

- **College Success Coach**

A Take Stock in Children College Success Coach will monitor student academic progress and work with the student, parent and school staff to ensure that all students are working to their maximum potential and utilizing all available resources to achieve their academic goals.

- **2-year Scholarship**

A Florida Prepaid **tuition only** scholarship (valued at **60 credit hours, payable at the state college rate**).

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Financial Eligibility Documentation

Last Updated April 15, 2019

Take Stock in Children requires that every student's financial situation be examined closely at the time the student's application is evaluated. All applicants should provide their current year filed IRS Tax Form 1040 as verification of income showing total income. All qualified applicants must meet the income guidelines published annually by the Florida Department of Agriculture (Guidelines Announced for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals and Milk Programs).

According to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service guidelines the following groups are also eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch Benefits: *Households currently receiving SNAP or TANF assistance are eligible for free meal benefits according to Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service guidelines;. Foster children are eligible for free meal or milk benefits regardless of the household income; Children who are considered homeless or runaway by the school district's homeless liaison will qualify for free meal benefits according to Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service guidelines.*

Source: 2019-2020 Guidelines Announced for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals and Milk Programs

In the instance the student's parents/guardian does not file Federal income taxes, the following documents **can be used** to verify qualifying for free/reduced lunch:

- Food Stamps (SNAP) – Letter from State of Florida indicating that family or foster child has been approved to receive SNAP benefits, and names of household beneficiaries (the student applicant's name should be listed as part of household on the document). The date of eligibility for benefits indicated on the letter should align with the date of the TSIC application (i.e., the student should be eligible to receive SNAP benefits at the time of TSIC application).
- TANF – Letter from State of Florida indicating that family has been approved to receive TANF benefit and names of household beneficiaries (the student applicant's name should be listed as part of household on the document). The date of eligibility for benefits indicated on the letter should align with the application date for the TSIC program (i.e., the student should be eligible to receive TANF benefits at the time of TSIC application).
- Proof that the student is in Foster Care (currently active as a foster care student during the application period of TSIC).
- Signed document on school district letterhead, from the School district's Homeless Liaison, verifying in writing that the student is homeless and qualifies for free/reduced lunch.

The following documentation **IS NOT** acceptable to verify eligibility for Free/Reduced Lunch

- W-2s/ Social Security Statement alone – May not reflect all income and does not verify that it is same household as student.
- Disability – May not reflect all income for household and does not verify that it is same household as student.
- Statement of non-filing of taxes through IRS – Does not indicate that income was below the need to file, just verifies that they did not file.
- The free/reduced lunch screen in the School District's student profile program (i.e., FOCUS).
- Direct Certification letter from State of Florida – The letter may not be issued by all school or districts where FRL is available to all students/schools. Students who qualify to receive Direct Certification from the state (i.e.- SNAP/TANK recipients, Foster Care or Homeless youth) should be able to prove eligibility for TSIC as outlined above.



INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Effective from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ANNUALLY	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY
1	23,107	1,926	963	889	445
2	31,284	2,607	1,304	1,204	602
3	39,461	3,289	1,645	1,518	759
4	47,638	3,970	1,985	1,833	917
5	55,815	4,652	2,326	2,147	1,074
6	63,992	5,333	2,667	2,462	1,231
7	72,169	6,015	3,008	2,776	1,388
8	80,346	6,696	3,348	3,091	1,546
For each additional family member, add	8,177	682	341	315	158

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

Income Guidelines provided by USDA.gov



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Student #: _____ Adjusted Gross Income: _____

Demo: _____ WAGES: _____

18/19 GPA: _____ () C.O.P.: _____

19/20 1st quarter GPA: _____ AVID: _____

FSA/EOC Reading: _____ FSA/EOC Math: _____

Combined FAS/EOC: _____ Disabilities (702): _____

Foster care: _____ Homeless: _____

Unexcused absences: _____ () 1st Gen college: _____

Discipline: _____ () Reference: _____

Type: _____

Notes: _____ () Average Score: _____

Risk: _____ ()



Student Application

Take Stock in Children program participants receive:

- **A Scholarship**

A 60 Credit Hour Florida Prepaid College Scholarship, which can be used at any **State** public university, college, or vocational/technical school in **Florida**.

- **A Mentor**

A volunteer mentor who will meet with each student at school, with cooperation from the school and parent(s), to assist and encourage students to achieve and reach their full potential.

- **A College Success Coach**

Local Take Stock in Children staff will help design a college success plan and guide each student through middle and high school transition and into to College.

Date application is due back to school: Friday, October 11, 2019

Please call Camille Guerrero at 321-633-1000 ext. 11415 or Guerrero.Camille@Brevardschools.org if you have any questions about this application.

Take Stock in Children Application

ALL sections of application must be completed AND ALL requested documents submitted for student applicant to be considered for acceptance into the Take Stock in Children program.

SECTION A: Student Identification Information

Student ID # _____ Date: _____

School _____

Student Name _____ Social Security # (Mandatory) _____

Grade: _____ Date of Birth _____ Male Female

Student Phone: _____ Student E-mail: _____

Address _____ Apt. # _____

(Street)

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Check if Mailing Address is same as home address listed above. If not, enter Mailing Address below:

Mailing Address _____ Apt. # _____

(Street)

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Student Race: American Indian/Native American Asian Black/African-American
 Caucasian Pacific Islander/Hawaiian Multiracial
 Other _____

Student Ethnicity: Is Hispanic

Is student a U.S. Citizen? Yes No

Does student have a Florida Prepaid Plan? Yes No

SECTION B: Household Information

Parent/Guardian (1) _____ Social Security # (Optional) _____
(Last, First, MI)

Parent (1) Phone #: _____ Parent (1) E-mail: _____

Date of Birth _____ Last Grade Completed in School _____

Parent/Guardian (2) _____ Social Security # (Optional) _____
(Last, First, MI)

Parent (2) Phone #: _____ Parent (2) E-mail: _____

Date of Birth _____ Last Grade Completed in School _____

Applicant lives with: Mother Stepmother Grandmother Guardian
 Father Stepfather Grandfather Ward of Court
 Other _____

Number of brothers _____ Number of sisters _____

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Highest Level Of Education Completed</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Independent siblings living outside the home:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Brother/Sister (check one)</u>	<u>Currently Attending School</u>	<u>Last Grade Completed</u>
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____

SECTION C: Employment Information

Parent/Guardian's Current Employer

Name of Parent/Guardian (1): _____

Employer: _____

Occupation: _____

Address of Employer: _____
(street, city, zip)

Number of years with Current Employer: _____ Gross Monthly Salary _____
(before taxes and deductions)

Parent/Guardian's Current Employer

Name of Parent/Guardian (2): _____

Employer: _____

Occupation: _____

Address of Employer: _____
(street, city, zip)

Number of years with Current Employer: _____ Gross Monthly Salary _____
(before taxes and deductions)

SECTION D: Financial Information

What is your household income? \$ _____

Are you eligible to receive any social service? (Food stamps, Medicaid, etc.) Yes No

Please check the services you currently receive: Welfare Food Stamps Medicaid

Are you currently receiving assistance from your local CareerSource Development Office? Yes No

Do you receive income from any other source for this student/applicant? (Social Security, child support, etc.?) Yes No

If Yes, please list type of support and amount per month: _____

Do you or the student/applicant have a savings account? Yes No

Approximate balance: \$ _____

Do you own your own home? Yes No

If yes, what is amount of your monthly payment? \$ _____

If yes, how much did your house cost? \$ _____

Do you rent? Yes No If yes, what is amount of your monthly payment? \$ _____

How long at current address? _____

A complete copy of the most recent tax return Form 1040 must be attached with the student applicant listed on the tax return in order to be eligible for consideration. (If you did not file taxes, please contact your local TSIC program).

- Extended family raising student
- Student applicant is teen parent
- Parent was teen parent
- Family has received TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) benefits within last year
- First generation college student
- Student is first in the family to complete high school
- Migrant worker
- English not spoken in home
- Loss of employment
- Home in foreclosure
- Homeless or living with extended family or friends
- Serious illness in household
- Disabled student or family member
- Student is or has been in foster care
- Other (please specify)

I understand that the information contained in this application is accurate and will be managed and implemented by the Local TSIC Lead Agency/TSIC Program and shared with the Local Lead Agency selection committee. I also certify that all information in this application is truthful and accurate and that I understand that any false information in this application may result in my child losing his or her eligibility in the program.

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

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- Application Reviewed
- Meets TSIC Programmatic Eligibility
- Meets TSIC Income Eligibility
- Does Not Meet TSIC Programmatic Eligibility
- Does Not Meet TSIC Income Eligibility

Local Program Staff Signature

Title

Date

• Submission of this application does not guarantee scholarship award •

• A copy of your Tax Return along with your child's grades, attendance, and behavior records will be attached to this form •



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Home Number: _____ Work Number: _____

Do you live with someone without paying rent? _____ Who? _____

Is your student on free/reduced lunch? _____ Yes _____ No

Please list an emergency contact for the closest relative/friend who does not live in the same residence:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Phone Number(s): _____

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CHECK LIST

Please complete the **entire** application so that we can determine your eligibility for participation in the Take Stock in Children program.

If any questions are not applicable to your current situation, please note (N/A) on the application. If more space is required for information on any items, you may attach additional pages. Do not leave any section incomplete. **Did you remember to:**

- 1. Determine your eligibility for this program, by reviewing the criteria on the **INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES** page of this application.
- 2. Complete the **application. Incomplete applications will not be processed.**
- 3. Attach your 2018 Tax Return Form 1040 or Wage & Income Transcript. **Your tax forms must show your student as a dependent and show your household adjusted gross income. A W-2 will NOT be accepted as documentation of income.** If you had no income in 2018, then you may submit one of the following:
 - A) Food Stamps (SNAP) – Letter from State of Florida indicating that family has been approved to receive SNAP benefits, and names of household beneficiaries (the student applicant's name should be listed as part of household on the document).
 - B) TANF – Letter from State of Florida indicating that family has been approved to receive TANF benefit and names of household beneficiaries (the student applicant's name should be listed as part of household on the document)
 - C) Proof that the student is in Foster Care
 - D) Signed document on school district letterhead, from the School district's Homeless Liaison, verifying in writing that the student is homeless and qualifies for free/reduced lunch.
- 4. Have a teacher or guidance counselor (who knew the student well during the last school year) complete the **reference form** in this application. The completed reference form must be submitted along with the application.
- 5. Attach a copy of your **2018/2019 final report card**. If you do not have this, you must request a copy from your student's school.
- 6. Consider **applying for the AVID program** if it is offered at your school.
- 7. The application **must be signed** by the applicant and at least 1 parent/guardian.
- 8. The entire application, including financial documentation, completed reference form and last year's final report card, must be submitted to your School Guidance Counselor or AVID Teacher or you may **mail** the completed application to:

Brevard Schools Foundation
Take Stock in Children
2700 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Viera, FL 32940

By Friday, October 11, 2019.

You are responsible for ensuring that all supporting documents are submitted and that you meet the eligibility criteria. Only completed applications that meet the eligibility guidelines and are received by Friday, October 11, 2019 will be processed.

Incomplete applications will not be processed.

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TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN APPLICANT REFERENCE

Student Name / **Student Number** / School / Grade

This form must be completed by a counselor, advisor, teacher or principal that knew student well in the previous school year.

You have been asked to provide information in support of this student for the Take Stock in Children program. Please complete and return to applicant, so that form may be submitted with the completed application to Take Stock in Children.

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. If you have any questions, please contact Take Stock in Children at 633-1000 x 11415.

The applicant's achievements 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 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 _____

Take Stock in Children and AVID

“A Great Partnership for College and Career Readiness”



AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) targets students in the academic middle — B, C, and even D students — who have the willingness to work hard and the desire to go on to college. These are students who are capable of completing rigorous curriculum but are falling short of their potential. Typically, AVID students will be the first in their families to attend college, and many are from low-income or are traditionally underrepresented in higher education. AVID puts students on the college track via acceleration and determination instead of remediation.

AVID is currently available in the following Brevard County Schools:

Cocoa	Eau Gallie	Johnson	Kennedy
McNair	Palm Bay	Rockledge	Stone



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