



To Parents/ Guardians of 8th Grade Students in Marion County Public Schools

Your Child May Be Eligible for a College Scholarship!

Take Stock in Children helps students from low-income families achieve academic and personal success by providing them with volunteer **mentors** and college **scholarships**. **Take Stock** is a statewide program, funded locally through the Public Education Foundation. Students attending Marion County Public Schools are selected through a competitive process during their 8th grade year. Upon high school graduation, students who have completed all of the requirements of the **Take Stock** program will receive a *2 year college tuition scholarship* through the Florida Prepaid Foundation.

TO BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY, YOUR CHILD MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- 2.5 Grade Point Average (C+ average or above)
- Families **MUST** meet the **income eligibility guidelines** on the back of this form & must provide documentation
The income guidelines are the same as eligibility for the School Free/Reduced Lunch program

IF YOU MEET THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING DATES:

October 1, 2018 - Scholarship Applications will be available at the *Middle School Guidance Offices*

October 17, 2018 - Take Stock in Children Scholarship Information Night - 6-7pm

- Optional for parents/guardians to hear more information about the Take Stock in Children program
- Location: Public Education Foundation @ 1239 NW 4th Street, Ocala FL 34475 in the Thelma Parker Center

OCTOBER 31, 2018- Completed Scholarship Applications DUE to your child's Guidance Office

- Applications must be completed and submitted **with proof of income/ school lunch status**
- ***Families will be notified of their application status by March 2018***
- Eligibility does not guarantee a student will be accepted. A limited number of students are accepted into the Take Stock program each year.

IF SELECTED FOR A TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN SCHOLARSHIP, YOU & YOUR CHILD WILL SIGN AN OFFICIAL CONTRACT AND PLEDGE TO:

- ✓ Attend a Marion County Public School High School
- ✓ Maintain a 2.5 Unweighted GPA or above during high school
 - ✓ Remain drug and crime free
 - ✓ Abide by school conduct guidelines
- ✓ Participate in Take Stock in Children activities
- ✓ Meet with a volunteer **mentor** weekly at school

For more information about Take Stock in Children visit www.takestockinchildren.org
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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 |

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