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 unweighted Grade Point Average (C+ average or above)
- Families MUST meet the **income eligibility guidelines** on the back of this form & must provide documentation

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**IF YOU MEET THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS,**

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING DATES:**

**September 3, 2019** - Scholarship Applications will be available at the Middle School Guidance Offices

**October 8, 2019** - *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 21, 2019** - Completed Scholarship Applications DUE to your child’s Guidance Office
- Applications must be completed and submitted with **proof of income (copy of 2018 income taxes)**
- **Families will be notified of their application status by March 2020**
- Eligibility does not guarantee a student will be accepted. A limited number of students are accepted.

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**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](http://www.takestockinchildren.org)
Contact Meghan Magamoll at (352) 671-4160 or Meghan.Magamoll@marion.k12.fl.us
INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Effective from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

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

Income Guidelines provided by USDA.gov