



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

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.

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, 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