



Take Stock in Children of Manatee County, Inc. Scholarship Selection Process 2017-2018

1. The application process will open on the first day of school. **August 10, 2017.**
2. To qualify as a Take Stock Scholar, families must prove income eligibility (see reverse) and students must have passed last year's FSA (Florida Standards Assessment).
3. Families will need to fill out the application and gather all required documentation including the 2016 Tax Return that names the applicant as a dependent.
4. The family will turn in the scholarship application to the school that the student attends during the 2017-2018 school year.
5. The school will then complete the Guidance Counselor Data Sheet and courier the completed applications to Take Stock in Children of Manatee County by **October 2nd, 2017.**
6. The student's application will be:
 - a. Reviewed by Take Stock Manatee staff for completion
 - b. Reviewed by a committee of community members
7. The qualifying students will be invited to attend an interview on **November 7th or November 9th**. The interviewers will be Take Stock Mentors and other members of the community.
8. After the interviews, the selection of Take Stock Scholars will be made. The selected scholars will receive a letter inviting them to participate in the program.
9. Parents or Guardians of the student will be required to attend a Orientation on **December 4th**, a Contract Signing on **December 11th**, and a presentation to the School Board on **December 12th**.
10. New scholars will be matched with a mentor by January 2018.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

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Take Stock in Children of Manatee County, Inc. Income Eligibility Guidelines 2017-2018

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.

Income Guidelines provided by USDA.gov



Student Scholarship Application

Take Stock in Children scholarship recipients receive:

- **A Scholarship**

A full-tuition Florida Prepaid College Scholarship, which can be used at any public university, college, or vocational/technical school in Florida

- **A Mentor**

A volunteer mentor 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.

Date application is due back to school: _____

Please call _____ **at (telephone)** _____ **if you have any questions about this application.**

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

SECTION A: Student Identification Information

School _____

Student Name _____ Social Security # _____

Grade _____ Date of Birth _____ Male Female

Address _____

(street, apt #, city, and zip)

Student Phone #: _____ Parent Phone #: _____

Student E-mail: _____ Parent E-mail: _____

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

Mother _____ Social Security # _____
 (Last, First, MI)

Date of Birth _____ Last Grade Completed in School _____

Father _____ Social Security # _____
 (Last, First, MI)

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: _____

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: _____

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 Workforce 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: \$ _____

- Extended family in home
- Parents did not graduate from high school
- More than two siblings
- Student applicant is teen parent
- Parent was teen parent
- Family has received TANF benefits within last year
- Student will be first in family to attend college
- English not spoken in student's home
- Migrant worker
- Parental loss of employment within last year
- Family is homeless or living with extended family or friends
- Home in foreclosure
- Serious illness in household
- Disabled student or family member
- Student is or has been in foster care

I understand that the information contained in this application is accurate and will be shared with the Take Stock in Children selection committee and the implementers of the program. I also certify that my child meets the program income requirements. 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

For Official Use only:

- Application reviewed by TSIC staff Eligible for TSIC Not eligible for TSIC
- Income eligibility confirmed by TSIC staff

Staff Signature

Staff Title

Date

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



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Please tell us about a personal challenge or difficult situation that you had to overcome.
Attach additional pages if necessary.

Supporting documentation: In addition to a complete application, the following supporting documentation must be submitted in order to complete the application:

- Proof of Residency (if not a US Citizen, the student must be a resident alien with a social security number).
- Proof of Financial Eligibility – most recent Federal Income Tax return (2016) with student listed as a dependent or Letter of Exemption (Disability)
- Letter of Recommendation from a school representative, mentor or advocate.
- Guidance Counselor Data Sheet (return your completed application to your guidance counselor who will complete the Guidance Counselor Data Sheet and forward the complete packet to Take Stock in Children of Manatee County).

The application and supporting documentation must be turned in together for the applicant to be considered.



Take Stock in Children of Manatee County, Inc.
2017-2018 New Student Application
Guidance Counselor Data Sheet

Please complete sheet pertaining to student submitting a Take Stock in Children Application.

Student Name _____

School _____

Grade _____

Grade Point Average (unwghtd):

Last year's GPA _____

Any D's or F's on most recent school report? _____

Standardized Test Scores:

FSA
(Level 1-5) Reading Achievement Level _____ Math Achievement Level _____

Attendance:

Last year's Absences _____ Comments _____

Did student have more than 5 unexcused absences in the most recent quarter? _____

Behavior:

Number of Referrals: Last year _____
Number of In School Suspensions: Last year _____
Number of Out of School Suspensions: Last year _____

Comments _____

Additional Comments/Considerations about this student (reason for recommendation, special circumstances...)

Guidance Counselor _____
(Name) (Phone Number)