



# 2023-2024 Student Application

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## DIRECTIONS FOR APPLICATIONS AND PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

**Student must attend a traditional Florida Public School, a Florida Public Virtual School, a Florida Public charter School, or a Florida Department of Education-approved school of choice utilizing a Family Empowerment Scholarship.**

**Parent(s)/Guardian must submit the most recent, completed taxes.**

**All sections of the application must be completed.**

**Take Stock in Children program participants receive:**

- **A Scholarship**  
A Florida Prepaid PROJECT STARS College Scholarship, which can be used at any **Florida public** university, college, or state vocational/technical college in **Florida**.
- **A Mentor**  
A volunteer mentor who will meet with each student, 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 College.

**Date application is due: SEPTEMBER 15, 2023**

**Please contact Mr. Chuck Licis-Masson at (telephone/email) 305-293-1546 if you have any questions about this application.**

## EQUAL OPPORTUNITY POLICY

Take Stock in Children is an equal opportunity organization and complies with all applicable federal, state, and local non-discrimination laws. Take Stock in Children strictly prohibits and does not tolerate discrimination against students, mentors, applicants or any other covered persons because of race, color, religion, creed, national origin or ancestry, ethnicity, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, gender (including gender nonconformity and gender identity), marital status, age, physical or mental disability, citizenship, past, current, or prospective service in the uniformed services, genetic information, or any other characteristic protected under applicable federal, state or local law. All Take Stock in Children employees, other workers and representatives are prohibited from engaging in unlawful discrimination. Take Stock in Children will reasonably accommodate qualified individuals with a disability as required by law. Take Stock in Children will also, where appropriate, provide reasonable accommodations for an individual's religious beliefs or practices. Finally, no one will be subject to, and Take Stock in Children prohibits, any form of discipline, reprisal, intimidation, or retaliation for good faith reports or complaints of incidents of discrimination of any kind, pursuing any discrimination claim, or cooperating in related investigations.

**Take Stock in Children Application**

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

**SECTION A: Student Identification Information**

Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # **(Mandatory)** \_\_\_\_\_  
(First, Last, MI)

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Student E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt # \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street)

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt # \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street)

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

How do you (the student) identify?

Gender:  Female  Male

Student Race:  American Indian/Native American  Asian  Black/African-American

Multiracial  Pacific Islander/Hawaiian  White

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Student Ethnicity: Is the student of Hispanic origin?  Yes  No

**The Florida Prepaid College Foundation Scholarship Requirements:**

Does the student have a Social Security #?  Yes  No

Is the student a U.S. Citizen?  Yes  No

Is the student a resident alien?  Yes  No

Does the student have a Florida Prepaid College Plan?  Yes  No

**SECTION B: Household Information**

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

Parent (1) Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent (1) E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Last Grade Completed in School \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # (optional) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (First, Last, 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 brother \_\_\_\_\_ Number of sisters \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name	Age	Relationship	Highest Level Of Education
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Does applicant have a sibling or member of the household currently or previously involved in the Take Stock in Children Program?  Yes  No

If yes, include name of current/previous Take Stock in Children participant and include relation to applicant:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Independent siblings living outside the home:**

Name	Age	Relationship	Currently Attending School (Check one)	Last Grade Completed
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____
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_____	_____	_____	<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? (TANF, SNAP, Medicaid, etc.)  Yes  No

Please check the services you currently receive:

Welfare/TANF  Food Stamps/SNAP  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, unemployment, 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 the amount of your monthly mortgage payment? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Do you rent?  Yes  No

If yes, what is the amount of your monthly rent payment? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

How long at current address? \_\_\_\_\_

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

**SECTION E: Student Information (To be completed by student)**

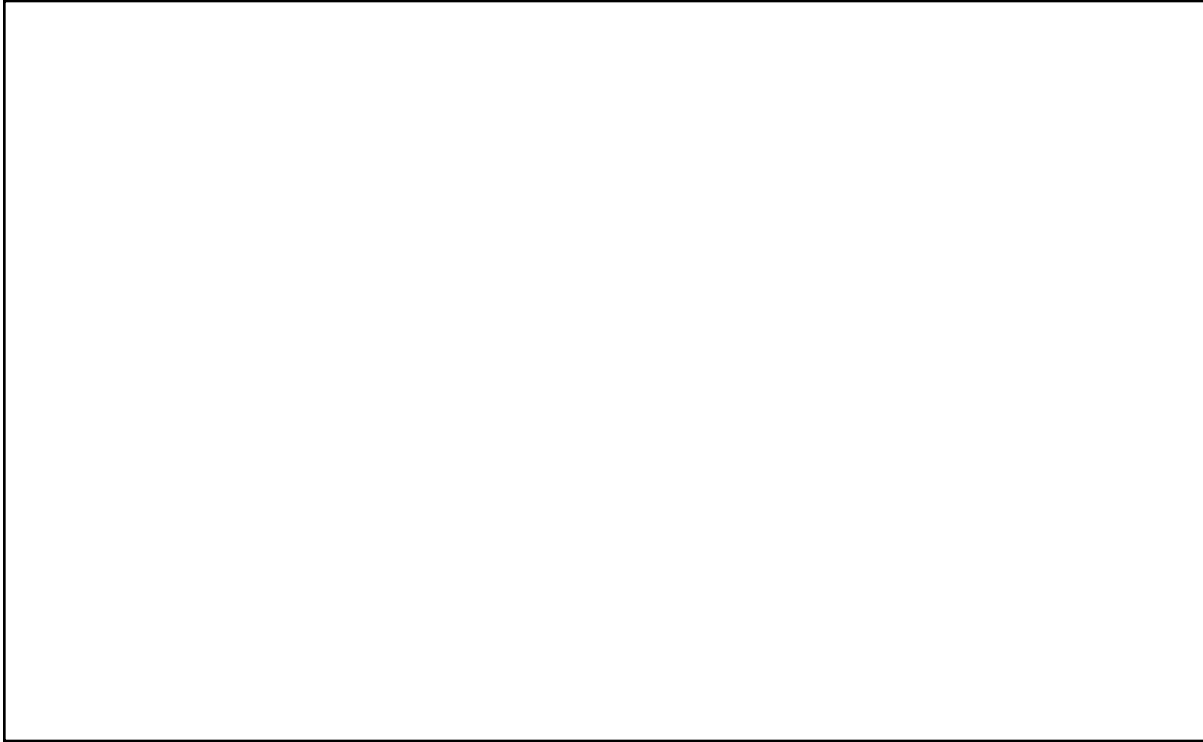
**Student's Career Field(s) of Interest** (check all that apply):

- Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources
- Architecture and Construction
- Arts, Audio/Video Technology and Communications
- Business, Management, and Administration
- Education and Training
- Energy
- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
- Finance
- Government and Public Administration
- Health Science
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Human Services
- Information Technology
- Law, Public safety, and Security
- Manufacturing
- Marketing, Sales, and Service
- Military
- Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics

**Hobbies/Interests:** Which of the following activities do you enjoy participating in or watching?  
(Check all that apply)

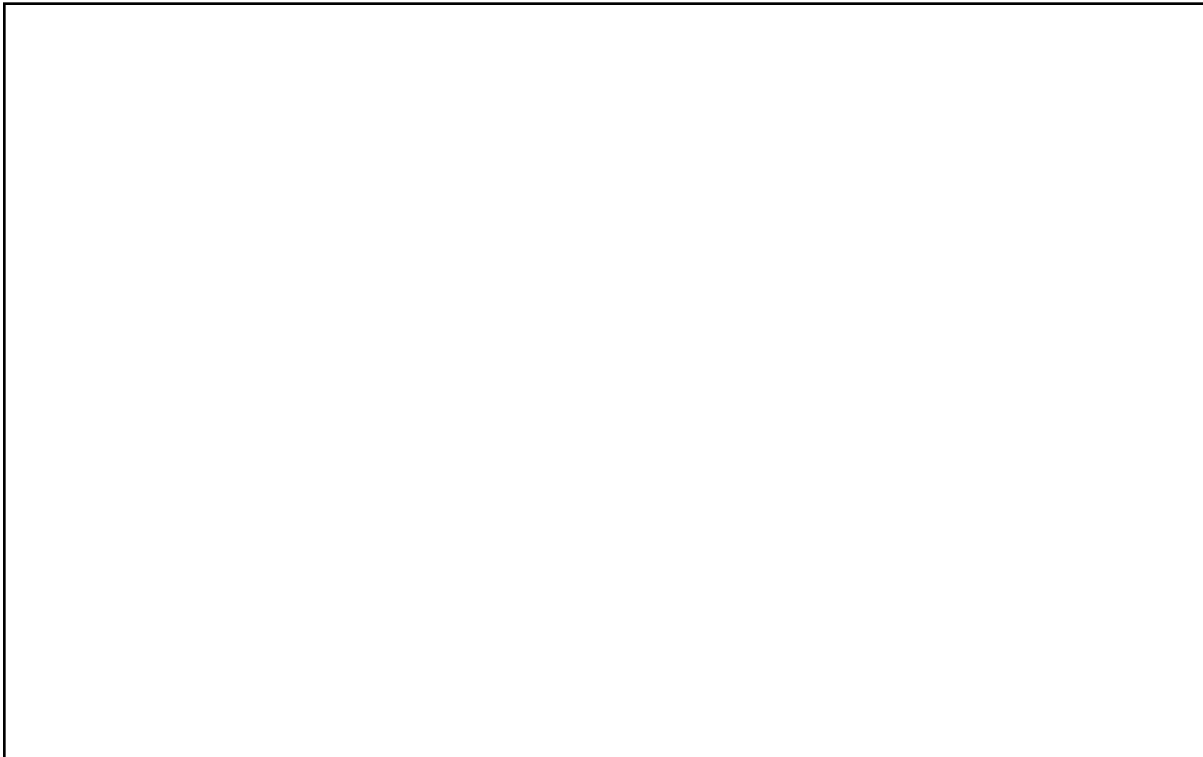
- Sports (specifically, \_\_\_\_\_)
- Handicrafts (specifically, \_\_\_\_\_)
- Outdoor Life     Mechanics/Science     Literature     Pop Culture (Movies, TV, etc.)
- Music     Collecting     Other \_\_\_\_\_

List activities, interests, strengths, hobbies or awards you have received (church, school, community, work experience, etc.)



**Student Statement**

Please tell us about your goals, aspirations and hopes for your future (attach another sheet if needed).



**SECTION F: Parent/Guardian Statement (To be completed by parent(s)/guardian(s))**

Apart from financial considerations, how could this program benefit your child? Please include your goals, aspirations and hops for your child's future (attach another sheet if needed).

Please list all special family situations that might be relevant to school success (serious illness in the family, loss of employment, Department of Children and Families involvement, homelessness, etc.).



The factors listed below are used to determine your eligibility, please check all that apply:

- Student attends low-performing school (D or F rates school)
- Single parent
- Incarcerated parent
- Deceased parent
- Absent parent (no contact or support)
- Poor relations between biological parents
- Depart of Children and Families involvement
- Extended family in home
- Extended family raising student
- Student applicant is teen parent
- Parent was teen parent
- Family has received TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) benefits within the last year
- 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
- First-Generation college student (neither parent has earned a baccalaureate degree or higher)
- 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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**\*Submission of this application does not guarantee scholarship award\***

**For TSIC Program Official Use only:**

- 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



## **2023-2024 In-Person and Virtual Mentoring Name and Likeness Recording and Usage Consent and Release**

### **FOR PARENTS/LEGAL GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN:**

In an effort to continuously serve the Take Stock in Children (“TSIC”) community, we provide in-person as well as distance-based, virtual mentoring programs, events and activities for students, through which Take Stock in Children participating mentors will facilitate program activities and mentoring meetings, whether in person or through online platforms. In-person programs, events and activities may involve use of your child’s name and likeness, such as, for example, in photographs taken in connection therewith. For online programs, events and activities such as virtual mentoring, third party platforms, software, tools and applications will be accessed and used by participating students, parents/guardians and/or mentors, and such online activities may be monitored or recorded for quality control, record-keeping, security and other purposes in furtherance of Take Stock in Children’s mission.

Your consent is requested for your child’s participation in such in-person and virtual programs, events and activities, including, without limitation, consent for your child to utilize such software, tools and applications for distance-based, virtual mentoring purposes.

1. **Online Video Conferencing.** Please be aware that each online videoconferencing platform or application (e.g., Zoom, TSIC Mentor App, GoToMeeting, Microsoft Teams, Webex, etc.) collects different information about its users and has its own privacy terms and conditions to which members must adhere. For example, according to Zoom’s terms and conditions, only individuals 16 years old or older may create a Zoom account. Individuals under the age of 16 should only be using Zoom as participants through their parent’s/guardian’s account. It is your responsibility to access and review such terms, conditions and policies on the applicable platform, software or application. Please review them carefully. TSIC mentoring program participants, including mentors, yourself and your child, must exercise caution to ensure a safe and secure virtual mentoring experience, including disabling participant recording, disabling screen sharing by participants, disabling participant-to-participant private chat features, and saving a chat log locally to their computers to ensure a comprehensive audit trail. Regardless, no online communication is completely secure. Virtual mentoring activity may be subject to information and content collection, such as third-party screen capture or recording, and anonymous third-party entry into sessions. TSIC and participating mentors shall not be responsible in any way for any such information collection or information access by any third party, and by signing the below consent, you confirm, acknowledge and agree that you understand the inherent risks associated by use of such platforms. Please familiarize yourself and use the applicable platform’s tools for a safe and secure education and mentoring experience.
2. **FERPA.** The family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, or “FERPA,” is a U.S. federal law that protects the privacy of student educational records. FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children’s education records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends school beyond the high school level. TSIC may, from time to time, disclose student education records to third parties, including such student’s secondary education institution, higher learning institutions, and/or academic advisors. When participating in virtual mentoring, please make sure that the platform you use complies with FERPA. For example, Zoom is utilized by school providers to connect with their students virtually and is FERPA compliant; more information can be found at <https://zoom.us/docs/doc.FERPA%20Guide.pdf>. Other platforms may or may not be FERPA compliant. It is your responsibility to check and confirm whether they are FERPA compliant.
3. **COPPA.** The Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act, or “COPPA,” protects the online privacy of children under the age of 13 and requires web-based service providers to obtain parental consent prior to the collection, use, and disclosure of that child’s personal information. In order to use virtual mentoring services, certain electronic personal information, such as your child’s computer IP address, internet log data, in addition to your child’s name and date of birth and other personal information must be collected. We may collect additional personal information to the extent you or your child provide such information during virtual mentoring activities. By signing below, you certify and agree that you consent to the collection, use and/or disclosure of your child’s personal information above.

## Parental Consent

I, the undersigned, certify, represent and warrant that I am the parent or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Child)

**My child is under the age of 13.**

**My child is at least 13 years of age.**

I have read and understand the above description of information collection and use. As the parent or legal guardian of the above-referenced child:

1. I hereby irrevocably authorize my child to participate in TSIC’s in-person and online programs, events and activities, including, without limitation virtual mentoring provided by TSIC participating mentors. I authorize and consent to in-person and online collection and use of the above-mentioned child’s personal information, as described above. I further authorize TSIC and each of their respective representatives, licensees, successors and assigns and those acting with authorization from the TSIC (collectively, the “TSIC Program Providers”) to transfer educational records under FERPA to secondary education institutions, higher learning institutions and/or academic advisors in connection with providing TSIC program assistance to your child, and if applicable, the online platforms used for virtual mentoring in connection therewith.

2. I authorize the TSIC Program Providers to monitor, record and store virtual mentoring sessions and activities that my child participates in for record-keeping, safety and security purposes as well as film, videotape, photograph and/or record my child, and statements made by my child during the course of in-person and online programs, events and activities, including without limitation, virtual mentoring programs, and I irrevocably grant the right and authorize each of them to store, reproduce, edit and create derivative works based upon such film, videotape, photography and/or recording (collectively, the “Works”), as well as display, publicly, distribute, transmit or otherwise use the Works and my child’s voice, name and likeness, in whole or in part, either alone or in conjunction with other material in or in connection with Take Stock in Children Program’s Providers, the TSIC Program Providers shall in advertising and promotion thereof in any form or format which may be reproduced, distributed, transmitted, exhibited and/or otherwise exploited, in whole or in part, alone or in conjunction with other material in perpetuity throughout the world in any and all manner or media now known or hereafter devised including, without limitation, all forms of television, radio, print and the Internet. I acknowledge and agree that as between myself, my child and the TSIC Program Providers, the TSIC Program Providers shall exclusively own any and all rights in the Works and all elements thereof including, without limitation, all rights of attribution, moral rights and copyrights throughout the world in perpetuity. For avoidance of doubt, I hereby irrevocably assign to the TSIC Program Providers any and all rights I or my child may have in and to the Works as well as any results and proceeds of such Works or my child’s appearance in the Works. I agree not to use, reproduce, distribute or otherwise exploit the Works myself or authorize others to do so without the TSIC Program Providers’ prior written consent.

3. I hereby irrevocably release the TSIC Program Providers from, and agree not to assert, any and all claims I or my child have or may have in the future, known or unknown arising for such use including, without limitation, claims of invasion of privacy, violation of right of publicity, defamation, false light, moral rights, royalties or other compensation or any other claims and waive any and all equitable or injunctive relief with respect thereto. The TSIC Program Providers shall not be obligated to make any payment to me or my child or on my child’s behalf for the use of my name, likeness, appearance, voice or other attributes in the Works or their exploitation, to produce or exploit the Works or to include my child’s appearance therein and neither I nor my child shall have any right to review or approve any of Works or their use. I certify and acknowledge that my child’s appearance is not governed under the provisions of any collective bargaining agreement.

4. I represent and warrant that I am over eighteen (18) years of age and have all necessary capacity, power and authority to grant the authorizations granted hereunder and the consents and releases given hereby and that no consent or authorization is required to be obtained from any third party in order for me to grant such authorizations, consents, and releases. I agree to indemnify and hold the TSIC Program Providers harmless from and against any claim, liability or obligations of any kind arising from the statements made by my child in the Works, my child’s appearance in the Works, use of my child’s name, voice, likeness and the rights granted herein, or any a breach of any of the representations and warranties made hereunder. This grant is irrevocable, perpetual, worldwide, transferable and licensable to others. This consent and Release is governed by Florida law and contains the entire understanding of the parties, may not be changed or terminated except by an instrument signed by the TSIC Program Providers and me.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Student Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Parent/Guardian Name

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**2023-2024 Consent for Release of Education Records**

I, the undersigned parent or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ (name of minor child), hereby represent and warrant that I am of legal age and have all necessary legal capacity to contract for an on behalf of my child and hereby authorize TSIC, Inc., D/b/a Take Stock in Children (“Take Stock in Children”) employees and its designees, including without limitation, volunteers, teachers, and mentors (collectively, “Designees”), to have access to the scholastic records of the minor child named above. This information includes, but is not limited to : Current and past grades, test scores, student course schedules, attendance records, disciplinary history, extracurricular activities, and psychological test reports of the minor.

I hereby release, discharge, and agree to hold harmless Take Stock in Children, and its Designees from any liability related to any use whatsoever of said information contained in the scholastic records. I understand that this release is valid for the length of time that my child remains in the Take Stock in Children Program and is irrevocable with respect to the information provided. I understand that I have the right not to consent to the release of my child’s education records. I have the right to inspect any written records released pursuant to this consent, and I have the right to revoke this consent at any time by delivering a written revocation to Take Stock in Children.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Child/Student – Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Legal Guardian’s Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Legal Guardian’s – Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

# Last year's (2022) IRS Form 1040 tax return required with TSIC scholarship application

Student applicant's name must appear on the tax return.

Total family income cannot exceed income eligibility.

**\*\*REQUIRED\*\***

**2022 U.S. Income Tax Form 1040**

- ⇒ Student **must** be listed as a dependent
- ⇒ Total income (line 9) cannot exceed the income eligibility guidelines listed by household size in the chart to the right
- ⇒ Current Free or Reduced Lunch eligibility letter from Monroe County Schools
- ⇒ SNAP, TANF, or HUD documentation as needed

*Families may qualify with current SNAP documentation.  
Income guidelines provided by the Florida Prepaid College Foundation.*

Household Size	Annual Income
2	\$56,425
3	\$63,500
4	\$70,525
5	\$76,175
6	\$81,825
7	\$87,475
8	\$93,125

W-2 STATEMENTS OR PAYROLL STUBS ARE **NOT** ACCEPTED