



25 YEARS OF
SCHOLARSHIPS, MENTORS, AND HOPE

2020-21 Application Guidelines

Take Stock in Children Pasco County

Our Commitment to Scholars:

- ✓ **A Florida Prepaid College Scholarship:** All selected Scholars who complete the TSIC program will receive a minimum of a two-year (60 Credit Hour) scholarship from Florida Prepaid, with the potential to increase the scholarship level to up to four years based on performance & availability.
- ✓ **A College Readiness Coach:** Each Scholar in the TSIC program will work with a dedicated and experienced College Readiness Coach, who will monitor their academic progress and address their needs in order to assist them in reaching their academic goals.
- ✓ **A Dedicated Mentor:** Scholars will be matched with a fully trained TSIC Mentor, who will meet with them on a weekly or bi-weekly basis at school, assisting and encouraging them to achieve their full potential.

Step 1: Apply Now – Application open through April 1, 2020!

Student Eligibility Requirements for Application:

- Currently enrolled 8th or 9th grader in Pasco County School District
- 2.5 GPA or equivalent
- Good attendance record
- Demonstrated history of good behavior
- Two school references required
- Valid Social Security Card
- Minimum of 1 year of FL residency
- Eligible for free/reduced lunch
- Meet income eligibility guidelines outlined (income documentation required if chosen as a finalist)

Step 2: Selection of Semi-Finalist Candidates

- Only students chosen as semi-finalists will be notified by mid-April.
- Documentation and verification of income will be collected and reviewed to make sure it matches what was submitted on the initial application. Proof of verification will include the following:
 - Most recent W-2
 - Most recent 1040/1040A/1040EZ filed tax form
 - Most recent paystubs
 - Evidence of any government financial assistance if applicable
- Parent and/or guardian, along with their student, will be required to attend an informational workshop on **April 22, 2020 at 5:30pm.**

Please note the following:

- *Any changes to contact information, including address and/or email during the review process must be sent to tsic@pascoeducationfoundation.org.*
- *You may be asked additional questions throughout the application review process.*
- *1040/1040A/1040EZ filed tax form submitted as income verification must include student applicant's name & social security number reported as a dependent. If student is not included, please provide a letter stating who claims the student, along with a copy of their 1040/1040A/1040EZ filed tax form. If you have circumstances warranting further review, please reach out to us.*
- *Applications containing false or misrepresented information can result in the revocation of the scholarship if awarded.*

Step 3: Chosen Scholars Agree to the Following Guidelines

- Will maintain 2.5 GPA or higher & earn C's or higher in all subjects.
- Will maintain good attendance record.
- Must continue to demonstrate good behavior (*i.e., no referrals*).
- Must remain crime and drug free.
- Agree to attend **ALL** meetings (*20 sessions per academic year*) with designated TSIC Mentor (*meetings to occur on school grounds within school hours*).
- Agree to attend **ALL** meetings (*minimum of 4 sessions per academic year*) with designated TSIC College Readiness Coach (*meetings to occur on school grounds within school hours*).
- Will participate in all TSIC scheduled events & workshops (*dates will be given in advance*).

Take Stock in Children is a program in partnership with the Pasco Education Foundation & has partnered with Pasco County Schools since 1997.

To date, over 900 Pasco County students have received this incredible opportunity.

All information provided on this application is kept confidential.

Please contact tsic@pascoeducationfoundation.org with any questions or concerns.



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