Take Stock in Children

Income Eligibility Instructions & Criteria

To be eligible for Take Stock in Children participation, applicants MUST meet income eligibility criteria **and** submit required documentation when applying for the program.

A current year filed IRS Tax Form 1040, with the student listed as a dependent, is required for a complete application.
Additional documentation may be required, depending on the qualification method.
If a student's family does not file federal income taxes, please see the section detailing that circumstance below.

Options of Income Qualification:

Reminder: Options 1 -3 all require a submitted tax return

Option 1: Being a recipient of the Free and Reduced Lunch program based on income ***or*** meeting the income guidelines published annually by the U.S. Department of Agriculture or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. **Please see the table below. The applicant must be verified through the income on the 1040 form submitted with their application**. Being a free/reduced lunch recipient without submitting tax verification does NOT meet Take Stock eligibility criteria.

Qualifying Under Income Guidelines
Effective July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

Household Size	Annually
1	40,150
2	45,850
3	51,600
4	61,050
5	71,558
6	82,066
7	92,574
8	103,082
For each additional member, add	10,508

Reminder: Total income before taxes, social security, health benefits, union dues, or other deductions must be reported.
Income guidelines provided by USDA.gov & the Department of Housing and Urban Development's guidelines for Pasco County. Updated July 2026.

Option 2: Being a recipient of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) benefits. Applicants must have official documentation from HUD indicating the family is currently receiving HUD benefits with the student listed as a household beneficiary OR be verified as meeting the income guideline through a review of the 1040 submitted with their Take Stock application (see the income table above).

Option 3: The student may qualify by being a current recipient of Florida Medicaid services or a SNAP recipient. Official documentation showing the student as a current recipient is required. Please contact the Take Stock Pasco Program for more information if you are seeking qualification via this method.

For families who do not file Federal income taxes: Families who do not file Federal income taxes have the following options to meet the verification guidelines for income eligibility: verification of the student applicant being a current TANF recipient; documentation that the student in currently in foster care; or an official document from the school district verifying the student applicant is currently homeless and qualifies for free/reduced lunch.