



## Take Stock in Children Scholarship Application Info

*A tuition only Florida prepaid scholarship paying up to 60 credit hours at a Florida public postsecondary institution of higher learning upon graduation from a Bay District Schools high school*

You must

1. Be an 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grade student enrolled in any Bay County public or charter school
2. Be income eligible for the free or reduced lunch program, even if you do not take advantage of the program
3. Submit the online application and the required essays
4. Submit a copy of your report card from the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of school year 2020-2021.
5. Submit a copy of your parent or guardian's 2020 Tax Return 1040 **listing you as a dependent. A W-2 is NOT sufficient documentation of income and will not be considered. We reserve the right to ask for additional financial information if needed.**
6. Submit the online application no later than April 20, 2021.

**INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**

You are required to

1. Attend any necessary Mandatory meetings to receive a full explanation and requirements of the Bay Education Foundation Take Stock In Children Scholarship program
2. Attend any public or charter middle and high school in Bay County and graduate with your class
3. Remain drug, alcohol, and crime free
4. Be matched with a volunteer mentor (as soon as available) who will meet with you throughout your involvement with the Take Stock In Children Scholarship program

Academic Requirements

Students accepted into the program will have to maintain a 2.5 GPA with all grades C or better and have good attendance. Failure to maintain both will result in a review by the scholarship committee. Students who do not meet requirements may be placed on probation and/or terminated from the program.

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

- **A Scholarship**

A Florida Prepaid College Scholarship, which can be used at any **State** public university, college, or vocational/technical school in **Florida**.

- **A Mentor**

A volunteer mentor who will meet with each student at school, 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 to College.

Submit the online application by April 20, 2021  
[www.bayeducationfoundation.org](http://www.bayeducationfoundation.org)



## **CHECK LIST FOR THE APPLICANT and PARENT/GUARDIAN**

Please complete the online application thoroughly so that we can determine your eligibility for participation in Take Stock In Children, a scholarship and mentoring program. **The information contained in this application is confidential and will be available upon request only to the Scholarship Selection Committee and the persons implementing this program.**

If any questions are not applicable to your current situation, please note that on the application. Do not leave any space incomplete.

- 1. Complete the **entire** application, leaving no question unanswered (**be sure to fill in the Social Security Number of your student – the application will be considered incomplete without this information and will not be considered**).
- 2. Submit a copy of your parent or guardian's 2020 Tax Return 1040 **listing your student as a dependent. A W-2 is NOT sufficient documentation of income and will not be considered. We reserve the right to ask for additional financial information if needed.**
- 3. Attach a copy of your **most recent report card (2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2020-21)**. If you do not have this, you must request a copy from your school.
- 4. The entire application, with financial documentation, and most recent report card **must be submitted online at [www.bayeducationfoundation.org](http://www.bayeducationfoundation.org)**
- 5. **Following submission of your application, the student will receive an email as listed on their application containing a follow-up questionnaire. This questionnaire will ask for a name and email for a reference. This reference should be a counselor, advisor, teacher or principal who knows the student well. This this questionnaire and reference will be considered part of the application.**

**APPLICATIONS DUE ELECTRONICALLY TUESDAY, April 20, 2021**

You are responsible for seeing that all supporting documents are submitted. The Bay Education Foundation, Take Stock In Children and its affiliate programs reserve the right to process only applications found to be eligible and fully completed as of April 20, 2021. Please contact our office at 850-767-4110 or [bayedfoundation@bay.k12.fl.us](mailto:bayedfoundation@bay.k12.fl.us)