



# Take Stock in Children<sup>®</sup>

**SERVING  
SARASOTA COUNTY**

# What is Take Stock in Children?

- A 25-year, statewide Mentoring & College scholarship program
- Our mission is to help low-income students in Sarasota County achieve higher education
- Higher education can be College, University or Technical School

## Students who:

- Are in 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade at a Sarasota County public school
- Meet income eligibility requirements
- Have a 2.5 GPA and good attendance record
- Have a social security card

Who can  
apply?

# The Take Stock Scholarship Program is a PROMISE among THREE parties:

## WE PROMISE

- a Florida Prepaid Scholarship
- a volunteer Mentor
- a College Success Coach
- College readiness training – help with applications, college visits, essays, SAT/ACT prep

## YOU PROMISE

- To maintain at least at 2.5 GPA
- To meet weekly with your Mentor
- To meet monthly with you College Success Coach
- To attend events and workshops
- To remain crime & drug free
- To exhibit positive behavior at school

## YOUR FAMILY PROMISES

- To support and encourage your academic success
- To respond to communication from Take Stock
- To help you fulfill your promise to Take Stock

**HOW DO I APPLY?**

# SIX STEPS TO A SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION PROCESS

1

- Visit Take Stock **website**
- Check your **Income Eligibility** using the chart provided
- Request an application by completing the **Interest Coupon**

2

- Receive email within 24hrs from [info@takestocksarasota.org](mailto:info@takestocksarasota.org)
- Includes instructions & link to **ONLINE** application

3

- Follow link to begin your **ONLINE** submission on a computer (not a mobile device)
- Collect and upload required documents
- **PAUSE** and **SAVE** your work as needed

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- Watch for communication requesting corrected or more complete information
- **IF** your submission is complete & you qualify, you will enter PHASE 2
- Submit required PHASE 2 documents & recommendations

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- Interview with the Take Stock in Children of Sarasota Board of Directors
- Final decisions made by Selection Committee

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- **IF** you are accepted, sign your electronic contract immediately
- **JUMP IN** and get started on your path to success!

# THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **Completing the Interest Coupon on our website is a request for an application only. There are multiple steps in the application process.**
- **We are receiving applications from ALL the middle and high schools in Sarasota County. This is a competitive process so put your best foot forward.**
- **The ball is in YOUR court now. YOU must take the initiative at each step of the application process.**
- **We are here to help you. Email us with any questions!**
- **The DEADLINE for submitting your online application, with all the required documents, is JANUARY 31, 2021. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.**

Now accepting  
New Student  
Scholarship  
Applications.

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