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Take Stock In Children Scholarship Applications Available *For Eligible 6th and 7th Grade Students*

Take Stock in Children is a scholarship and mentorship program operating under the Escambia County Public Schools Foundation. Students selected to participate are matched with a mentor and agree to maintain satisfactory grades, attendance, citizenship, and remain drug/crime free. At graduation, students receive a 4-year Florida college tuition scholarship.

Applications and deadline details are available this month for eligible 6th and 7th grade students from their middle school guidance counselors.

Sixth grade applications will be held for selection in July, after year-end grades are available and the number of available scholarships has been determined.

Because this year's 7th grade students in Florida schools didn't have a chance to be selected last Spring, due to the pandemic's disruption to school schedules, eligible 7th grade students are also encouraged to apply this month. Their applications will be reviewed in February and selections will be announced in late February or early March. Any student who completed an application in November need not apply again.

Deadline: Return completed application (with income eligibility proof) to the school guidance office by the school's February deadline.

To be eligible to apply, the student applicant must:

- Be a 6th or 7th grade student in an Escambia County public school
- Provide proof of family financial eligibility for free and/or reduced lunch based upon USDA guidelines
- Have a minimum 2.5 GPA

To see income eligibility guidelines and required documents visit the Take Stock in Children Escambia web page or go here: <http://ecsd-fl.schoolloop.com/ecpsf>

To receive an application and check on schools' deadlines, contact the student's school guidance counselor. Questions about the application and ways to support the Take Stock in Children program through donations for scholarships, or by volunteering to be a TSIC Mentor, should be directed to Sally Lee, Escambia County's TSIC Student Services Coordinator, SLee@ecsdfi.us, or 850-341-6607.

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