



TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN PROGRAM -- BASIC INFORMATION
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Take Stock Scholars at your school: Each fall we provide a list of the Take Stock students at your school and their mentors' name and contact information.

Program in a Nutshell: Take Stock in Children is a statewide program **operating locally under the Escambia County Public Schools Foundation.** We provide "scholarships, mentors & hope" to deserving low-income students. We are grateful for the program support we receive from the district and our schools. Each student is paired with a volunteer mentor with whom they meet weekly.

Student Selection: Students are selected in middle school through an application process based on financial need. Students and a parent sign an agreement that the student will keep a minimum 2.0 with all grades of C or better, have good attendance & behavior, remain crime & drug free, and meet with the mentor and College Success Coach. **Upon high school graduation, if standards have been maintained, students will receive a 4-year Florida Prepaid state college tuition scholarship.**

Application deadline: April 14, 2025. Please encourage students to start right away!

Monitoring Student Progress: We have permission to access grades and other student records. Every grading period, we print the grades and provide a copy to the mentor. Any student receiving one or more D or F grades, having 5 or more unexcused absences, not meeting with the mentor, or having a serious referral will be put on Warning Status. If they meet all requirements next grading period, they return to Active. If not, they progress to Probation - Level 1, then Level 2, and then Level 3 is Last Chance. If standards are still not met, the student will be removed from the program.

Education Records Release and Mentoring Consent & Media Release forms: These forms are on file in our office and are part of the Take Stock contract the family signed. They are good throughout the student's school years and do not have to be duplicated annually.

Mentor Badges: All mentors have been fingerprinted and issued a District TSIC Mentor photo ID badge. Mentors keep their badges and are to wear them when visiting the student.

Mentor Meetings: Mentors are to meet 30-60 minutes weekly with students at school, usually in the media center, during a period that the student has permission to miss, or at lunch if necessary. Mentors sign in using the school procedure and log their visits for us using the TSIC Mentor App. When necessary, occasional meetings can be virtual outside school hours using the monitored text chat or video chat feature of the TSIC Mentor App.

TSIC College Success Coach Jeanne Kimberl sets up days & times for students & mentors to meet and she facilitates the first at-school session if mentors are new to the student or to the school. She meets with each student occasionally and spends extra time meeting with students having trouble maintaining program standards, especially those on probation.

Current Numbers – Currently there are 168 students in grades 7-12, more than 80 students are in college, and we have had 159 college graduates to date. Statewide 98% complete high school, 93% enroll in college, and 71% receive a college degree.

Contact Jeanne Kimberl with scheduling issues or concerns about any of our Take Stock students or mentors. We have written parent permission to know about any problems that arise, and she may be able to help. jkimberl@ecsdfl.us (850) 292-8279.

Contact Alex Bach with program questions, abach@ecsdfl.us, (404) 496-1879.

Escambia County -

We are accepting applications from:

DEADLINE: April 14, 2025

- 6th & 7th graders attending any Escambia County middle school

All applicants must be **income-eligible, US citizens or resident aliens**, maintain **all Cs or better** with **good citizenship and attendance**, and **remain crime and drug free**.

2024-25 Student Application Guidelines & Instructions -- read and follow carefully!

- (1) **Determine financial eligibility** by scanning the QR code below. **Income** must be shown by uploading the most recent **tax form (Form 1040 without schedules)** for the person who claims the student as a dependent. If taxes are not filed, please contact our office (850-469-5458) for other options. *Financial information is confidential and will not be shared.*
- (2) **Personal statements by both the student and the parent** are required. These should be long enough for the selection committee to get to know the student. *Develop thoughtful drafts telling why you /the student should be considered. The student should have someone else review their statement to be sure it becomes their best work.* You will type these in (or upload the written draft) at the end of the application.
- (3) **The student and the parent need separate email addresses** (personal, not school district, for student).
- (4) **To start the application, scan the QR code below or use the link:** <https://formstack.io/5EBEA> .
- (5) Select **Escambia** as your county and press **NEXT**. Then, if you can answer **YES** to the first five questions, you will be directed to the full application.
- (6) **To save to finish later or switch to a computer:** Complete at least through **Section B**, then scroll all the way to the end of the application, select **SAVE**, then **NEXT**. On the next screen, click **SUBMIT**; an email will be delivered to the *student email* from takestockinchildrennoreply@tsic.org confirming your choice to save. From the included link, **you can reopen your application on your phone or a computer or tablet**. If you do not see this confirmation email in the student's inbox, please first check spam. If it is not there, call (850-469-5458) for assistance. *Please do not start a second application.*
- (7) **Answer all required questions** (those with the asterisk: *).
- (8) **Upload proof of income (see #1 above), and any other documents, such as the student's photo, handwritten statements.** If you do not have digital copies, take pictures of each, and save them as individual documents to your device, then upload where directed within the application.

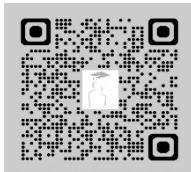
To submit your completed application, click **SUBMIT**, then **NEXT**, then click **SUBMIT** again.
*If you do not click **SUBMIT** the second time, your application will not be sent!*

Ignore the instructions to print your completed application. You will receive an application submission email at the student's email address.

To verify income, click here: [Income Eligibility Chart](#)

To apply, click here: <https://formstack.io/5EBEA>

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