



Take Stock in Children is a state wide mentor/scholarship program that provides scholarships, mentors and hope to low-income well deserving students. Each county in the state is represented by a local Take Stock office. Middle school students are selected through an application process and if accepted into the program matched with a caring volunteer mentor. Upon graduation from high school students are awarded a 2+2 Florida Prepaid scholarship (2 years of tuition at a FL community college or technical school and 2 years of tuition at a FL state university). Since 1997 the local Take Stock in Children program has awarded 435 students with a scholarship.

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Take Stock in Children is a comprehensive program that helps low-income children stay in school, earn a high school diploma, graduate from college and enter the workforce. Enrolling students as early as the eighth grade, **Take Stock in Children offers each child:**

- ▶ A college tuition scholarship
- ▶ A volunteer mentor to provide motivation and support
- ▶ A student advocate to support the student's educational achievements
- ▶ College and career counseling

In return, students sign a contract and promise to:

- ▶ Stay in School
- ▶ Keep good grades
- ▶ Remain drug, alcohol, and crime free
- ▶ Abide by the Student Code of Conduct



Take Stock scholarships are a hand up not a hand out. Our communities have an abundance of bright, motivated deserving students who will break the cycle of low-income, obtain higher education and give back to our communities for generations to come.

Who can offer a scholarship and invest in our future?

- ▶ Corporations
- ▶ Individuals
- ▶ Civic Groups
- ▶ Small Business
- ▶ Foundations

Every dollar raised will stay in our community to help local children. Monies raised for scholarships may be matched by the State of Florida.



Students cannot be awarded a scholarship without an assigned mentor. A caring adult who wants to make a difference in the life of a child can become a mentor. We ask for at least a one year commitment.

Mentors meet with their student 1/2 to one hour per week on school property. Training is provided.

We would like the opportunity to make a presentation to your business or civic organization. Many employers allow their staff time for mentoring. Ask yours!

Do you have an interest to become a mentor but have more questions?

Request our brochure—
Questions and Answers for Mentors