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**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION PACKET**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Student ID Number:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Counselor’s Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**How does your child get to school?** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ If by bus, how long is his/her ride? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Does your child qualify for free or reduced lunch?** **Yes** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**(A letter from the school district MUST be attached)**

**In order for us to determine your child’s eligibility for participation in the Take Stock in Children program,**

**please review and complete this application thoroughly.**

**If any questions are not applicable to your current situation, please note on the application. If more space is required for information on any items, you may attach additional pages. Do not leave any space incomplete.**

Determine your eligibility for this program by reading the criteria on the INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES on **page 2** of this Supplemental Information packet.

Complete the entire application, leaving NO question unanswered.

Attach a copy of your 2019 Tax Return Form 1040 or 2019 Wage & Income Transcript.

If you had no income in 2018, you must submit a copy of your official 2019 non- filing statement, SSI award letter, section 508 housing allowance award letter, guardianship document or other federal or state sanctioned income verification. You may request a Wage & Income Transcript or Verification of Non- Filing from the I.R.S. by calling 1-800-829-1040.  **A W-2 is NOT Sufficient documentation of income.**

Attach a copy of your child’s 2019-2020 letter from the school district regarding free or reduced lunch eligibility.

Have a teacher or guidance counselor who knew your student well during the last school year complete the Reference Form. **The complete reference form must be submitted with the application.**

Applications will be selected for review based on an assessment of the application packet including:

* application completed in all areas
* financial documentation (tax forms)
* completed reference form
* a copy of the 2019-2020 1st semester report card
* a copy of the 2018 / 2019 report card (including attendance) If you do not have this, you must request a copy from your student’s school.)
* 2019-2020 School District’s lunch eligibility letter
* parent / student essays

**The entire completed application along the above documentation MUST be either: Returned to the Guidance Office at your child’s school or mailed to the Take Stock in Children office at 9360 East Windwood Loop, Inverness, FL 34450.**

Both Student the Application & the Supplemental Information Packet must be fully completed & returned by**:** **MARCH 30, 2020**

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### PLEASE READ GUIDELINES CAREFULLY

### INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

### To qualify for this scholarship, your 2019 income must have met the federally approved income eligibility guidelines as outlined below.

**Once you have determined your eligibility, you must attach your 2019 Tax Return Form 1040 or 2019 Wage & Income Transcript.**

**If you had no income in 2019 you must submit a copy of your official 2019 non-filing statement, SSI award letter, welfare benefits award letter, section 508 housing allowance award letter, or other form of federal or state-sanctioned income verification.**

You may request a Wage & Income Transcript or Verification of Non-Filing from the I.R.S. by calling 1-800-829-1040.

**A W-2 is NOT sufficient documentation of income.**

A student who is a ward of the state meets the financial eligibility criteria. In this case, a guardianship document would be sufficient proof of financial eligibility.

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| **HOUSEHOLD SIZE** | **ANNUALLY** | **MONTHLY** | **TWICE PER MONTH** | **EVERY TWO WEEKS** | **WEEKLY** |
| 1 | 23,107 | 1,926 | 963 | 889 | 445 |
| 2 | 31,284 | 2,607 | 1,304 | 1,204 | 602 |
| 3 | 39,461 | 3,289 | 1,645 | 1,518 | 759 |
| 4 | 47,638 | 3,970 | 1,985 | 1,833 | 917 |
| 5 | 55,815 | 4,652 | 2,326 | 2,147 | 1,074 |
| 6 | 63,992 | 5,333 | 2,667 | 2,462 | 1,231 |
| 7 | 72,169 | 6,015 | 3,008 | 2,776 | 1,388 |
| 8 | 80,346 | 6,696 | 3,348 | 3,091 | 1,546 |
| For each additional family member,add | 8,177 | 682 | 341 | 315 | 158 |

Reminder: Total income *before* taxes, social security, health benefits, union dues or other deductions must be reported. Income Guidelines provided by Florida Department of Education.

**You are responsible for seeing that all supporting documents are submitted and that you meet the eligibility criteria.**

**Both the Student Application & the Supplemental Information Packet must be fully completed & returned by: MARCH 30, 2020**

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**Program Eligibility Criteria**

The Take Stock in Children program provides college scholarships and mentors to Citrus County’s deserving low-income youth. Scholarship recipients and their parent/guardian sign a performance contract pledging that the student will stay in school, remain drug, alcohol and crime free and out of trouble and that the parent/guardian agrees to support and encourage the student to achieve their full potential.

A mentor is an adult volunteer who will be assigned to your child and will meet with him/her weekly at school to assist and encourage him/her to achieve their full potential.

Upon successful completion of the program, the students receive a 2-year tuition scholarship purchased through the Florida Prepaid College Foundation’s Project STARS.

**Eligibility requirements include:**

* Student is enrolled in 6th, 7th, 8th or 9th grade in a Citrus County Public School
* Student has a GPA of 2.5 or better
* Household meets federal income eligibility criteria as outlined on page 2 of the Supplemental Information packet
* Qualification for free or reduced lunch

**Upon award, the student must:**

* Maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher
* Continue to exhibit good behavior in school
* Maintain a record of good attendance at school
* Make a commitment to meet with his/her mentor for at least 30 minutes per week
* Regularly attend Take Stock in Children’s parents/students meeting (4-5 times each year)
* Pass college level entrance test requirements
* Graduate from a Florida public high school
* Attend a Florida college
* Remain drug, alcohol & crime-free

Take Stock in Children and its affiliate programs reserve the right to process only applications found to be eligible by the guidelines and fully completed by the deadline of: **MARCH 30, 2020**

**INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS or THOSE SUBMITTED AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL NOT BE REVIEWED BY THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.**

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**(ALL INFORMATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT)**

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Student’s Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is your favorite subject in school? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is your least favorite subject? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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List any extra-curricular activities in which you participate, including clubs and sports, etc: (in-school & after school) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us about any hobbies or interests that you might like to talk or learn more about: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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List any awards you have received in school or other activities: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Describe your personality: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is one word that best describes you? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What type of career would you like to have? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How do you plan to achieve this goal? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Who is someone you look up to? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Upon acceptance into the Take Stock in Children Program, you will be required to meet with a mentor each week during school hours. A mentor is a caring adult volunteer who can become a friend and role model to help guide you through your high school years.**

How do you feel about having an adult to speak with each week?

Good\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Not Sure \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What activities would you like to do with your mentor? (ie: homework, career research, games, puzzles, talk about things going on in my life) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Do you already have someone who mentors you? Yes No

**Both the Student Application & the Supplemental Information Packet must be fully completed & returned by: MARCH 30, 2020**

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**TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN**

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT REFERENCE FORM**

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**Student Name School Grade**

**(To be completed by a counselor, advisor or teacher)**

**Note to Reference:** You have been asked to provide information in support of this student for the Take Stock in Children program. Please complete and return to the student’s Guidance Counselor so that it may be returned with the completed application to Take Stock in Children.

This reference form is an integral part of this student’s application. Please take care to complete it thoroughly and include any relevant information that may impact the award of this scholarship. If you have any questions, please contact Take Stock in Children at 344-0855.

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| The applicant’s achievements reflect his/her ability | * Extremely well | * Very well | * Moderately well | * Not well |
| The applicant’s ability to set realistic and attainable goals is | * Excellent | * Good | * Fair | * Poor |
| The quality of the applicant’s commitment to school and community is | * Excellent | * Good | * Fair | * Poor |
| The applicant is sincerely motivated to succeed scholastically. | * Extremely | * Sufficiently | * Moderately | * Fairly |
| The applicant demonstrates good problem-solving skills, follows through, and completes tasks | * Extremely well | * Very well | * Moderately well | * Not well |
| The applicant's respect for self and others is | * Excellent | * Good | * Fair | * Poor |

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Reference Signature Name Printed Date

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Position School Phone Number