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**TAKE STOCK in CHILDREN of CITRUS COUNTY is SEEKING STUDENTS WHO MEET OUR PROGRAM CRITERIA**

Take Stock in Children of Citrus County [www.takestockcitrus.org](http://www.takestockcitrus.org) is a local affiliate of a state-wide school-based mentoring program that assists in creating a brighter future for deserving youth from **financially disadvantaged families** by providing a college or vocational scholarship, a volunteer mentor, support staff, early intervention, and long-term support.

Students can apply in the 6th, 7th, 8th or 9th grades. Once accepted into the program, students remain in the program until they graduate from high school and go to college or vocational school.

Upon graduation, students who complete the program will receive a 2-year tuition-free scholarship which is purchased through our partnership with the Florida Prepaid Foundation.

To remain a student “in good standing”, students must:

* Maintain at least a 2.5 average in each of their classes
* Have a 2.5 or better cumulative GPA
* Regularly attend school
* Adhere to the Student Code of Conduct
* Remain drug, alcohol & crime free
* Meet with his/her mentor at least 30 minutes each week throughout their school career

Each student in the program is provided with guidance from a mentor who meets with the student once a week in their school (or at times, virtually) and provides support, academic assistance, and a “friend” to whom they can relate.

Take Stock mentors are an essential part of our program.

* **All mentors have a background check and are approved through the school district’s Volunteer Program.**
* Mentors are matched with a student as soon as possible after the student is accepted into the program.
* Mentoring occurs either at the individual school or through virtual mediums available to TSIC mentors.

We currently monitor 34 **active student scholars** who are enrolled in Citrus County’s middle & high public schools.

We are currently accepting new student applications for those who qualify for the program.

**Please consider nominating a student as a possible candidate for the program.**

**Copies of the application flyers are available in your Guidance Office or on our website**

**We welcome calls or emails for application questions or requests.**

***Thank you for your support & for the tremendous work you are doing for the students of Citrus County.***