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Investing in Kids

Take Stock in Children-SJC

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***Take Stock in Children helps promising students from low-income families by providing college scholarships, volunteer mentors, and long-term support. High standards, parental involvement, and community support are crucial to our success. INK! is the local agency supporting TSIC-St. Johns since 1998***

* Ongoing student requirements include standards for grades, school attendance, mentoring session attendance, and behavior
* ***Mentoring is the backbone of the program.***  Students are assigned a volunteer mentor, a college success coach from the TSIC staff, and participate in group mentoring by grade level
* 64% of Take Stock-SJC students attain a college degree within 6 years. Nationally, only 16% of students from low-income families attain degrees by age 24
* Students who meet program requirements and graduate from a Florida public high school receive a scholarship valued at the equivalent of two years of state college tuition (60 credit hours- approximately $6700)

***Family Income Qualification- Must Meet One of the Listed Requirements with Proof***

* ***Income levels that would qualify the family for free/reduced lunch (proven by 2023 or 2024 tax returns)***
* ***TANF – Letter from State of Florida indicating that family has been approved to receive TANF benefit and names of household beneficiaries (the student applicant’s name should be listed as part of household on the document)***
* ***Proof that the student is in Foster Care (currently active as a foster care student during the application period of TSIC).***
* ***Signed document on school district letterhead, from the School District’s Homeless Liaison, verifying in writing that the student is homeless and qualifies for free/reduced lunch.***

*Since TSIC-St. Johns County began in 1998, over $2.3 million in scholarships have been awarded to local Take Stock graduates, all funded by local donors*

***ONLINE APPLICATION OPEN for 8th-10th Graders- Deadline is March 31, 2025***

***Find the Student Application link here (student/guardian complete together):***

[***https://ink-stjohns.org/programs/take-stock-in-children/***](https://ink-stjohns.org/programs/take-stock-in-children/)