



Take Stock in Children (TSIC) Income Eligibility Guidelines July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

Applicants will be required to provide a copy of **their most recent 1040 Tax Return form** and their household annual income must qualify for one of the options in the chart below:

Income Eligibility for Take Stock in Children (information checked from 2023 1040 tax return)	
Household Size	Maximum Annual Household Income
1	26,973
2	36,482
3	45,991
4	55,500
5	65,009
6	74,518
7	84,027
8	93,536
For each additional family member, add:	9,509

Applicants may also be eligible if student is a current recipient of one of the following:

- 1) SNAP
- 2) TANF
- 3) Medicaid
- 4) Currently in Foster Care or certified homeless

Note: The student who is applying to be a part of the Take Stock in Children program MUST be listed as a dependent on all income verification documents submit with their application. If the student applying is not listed and the household income on the document, then it CANNOT be used to verify the student’s eligibility.

Additional information is continued on the next page.

The following documentation IS NOT acceptable to verify eligibility for TSIC:

- a) **W-2s/ Social Security Statement alone** – May not reflect all income and does not verify that it is same household as student.
- b) **Disability** – May not reflect all income for household and does not verify that it is same household as student.
- c) **Statement of non-filing of taxes through IRS** – Does not indicate that income was below the need to file, just verifies that they did not file.
- d) **The free/reduced lunch screen** in the School District's student profile program (i.e., FOCUS).
- e) **Direct Certification letter from State of Florida** – The letter may not be issued by all school or districts where FRL is available to all students/schools. Students who qualify to receive Direct Certification from the state (i.e.- SNAP/TANF recipients, Foster Care or Homeless youth) should be able to prove eligibility for TSIC as outlined above.

Determining TSIC Eligibility through 1040 Tax Return

- The student applicant must be claimed as a **dependent** on the tax return provided to verify income eligibility.
- The **total number of dependents** listed on the tax return provided should be used to verify household size for income eligibility.

Example of determining income using the 1040 Tax Return:

The image shows a 2022 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return (Form 1040) with several red annotations:

- A red box highlights the "Dependents" table. An arrow points from this box to a red box containing the text: "Find Student applicant's name on the tax return. Calculate total number of dependents".
- Another red box highlights line 9 of the "Income" section. An arrow points from this box to a red box containing the text: "Find total family income on Line 9."

The form includes sections for Filing Status, Home address, Digital Assets, Standard Deduction, Age/Blindness, Income, and Deductions. The "Income" section shows a total family income of \$19,400 on line 9.