



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:

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	Maximum Annual Household Income for Students Currently Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch*	Maximum Annual Household Income for Students Meeting Alachua HUD Income Guidelines
1	\$26,973	\$30,350
2	\$36,482	\$34,700
3	\$45,991	\$39,050
4	\$55,500	\$43,350
5	\$65,009	\$46,850
6	\$74,518	\$50,300
7	\$84,027	\$53,800
8	\$95,536	\$57,250
For each additional family member, add	\$ 9,509	N/A

*If qualifying under Free/Reduced Lunch income level, proof of current receipt of free/reduced lunch services must be provided.

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

- 1) SNAP
- 2) TANF
- 3) HUD
- 4) Medicaid
- 5) 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 eligibly.

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 to verify income eligibility.
- The total number of dependents listed on the tax return provided should be used to verify income eligibility.

Example of the 1040 Tax Return:

The image shows a 2022 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return (Form 1040). Two red callout boxes with arrows point to specific areas on the form:

- The first callout box points to the 'Dependents' table, specifically to the 'First name' and 'Last name' columns, with the text: "Find Student applicant's name on the tax return. Calculate total number of dependents".
- The second callout box points to line 9, 'Total income', with the text: "Find total family income on Line 9.".

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