



Income Eligibility Guidelines Updated July 2022

Take Stock in Children requires that every student's financial situation be examined closely at the time the student's application is evaluated.

All students must qualify under **at least one** of the options outlined below:

(1) Free and Reduced Lunch program / USDA Income Eligibility Guidelines (Table 1)

Student must be a recipient of the Free and Reduced Lunch program and meet the income eligibility guidelines published annually by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (Guidelines Announced for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals and Milk Programs). To qualify under this standard, students must receive and be verified (through a review of their current year filed IRS Tax Form 1040 where student is listed as a dependent) as income eligible to receive Free/Reduced Price lunch under the FRL Income Eligibility Chart (receipt of Free/Reduced Lunch without Tax verification will not be accepted). **Line 7b on the IRS Tax Form 1040 is what we look at for income.**

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(2) HUD Documentation / HUD Income Eligibility by County Guidelines Chart (Table 2)

Students must be a recipient or meet the income eligibility guidelines published annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). To qualify, applicants must not exceed the "Very Low Income" eligibility threshold designated by the HUD standard published annually for Broward County. To qualify under this standard, students must have an official documentation from the U.S. Department of HUD indicating that family is currently receiving HUD benefits naming student as a household beneficiary or be verified (through a review of their current year filed IRS Tax Form 1040) as income eligible based on the HUD Income Eligibility Chart.

(3) Medicaid Recipient Documentation

Students must be a recipient of Florida Medicaid services. To qualify under this standard, students must currently be receiving services (through a review of their Florida Medicaid benefits) and must provide official documentation for eligibility from the Department of Children and Families (DCF) or the Social Security Administration (for SSI recipients).

(4) SNAP or TANF Recipient Documentation

Student must be a SNAP recipient. To qualify under this standard, students must currently be receiving services and must provide official documentation for eligibility from the Department of Children and Families.

In the instance the student's parents/guardian does not file Federal income taxes, the following documents can be used to verify income eligibility for the Take Stock in Children program:

(5) Other (see list below):

- 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). The date of eligibility for benefits indicated on the letter should align with the application date for the TSIC program (i.e., the student should be eligible to receive TANF benefits at the time of TSIC application).
- 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. The document date should align with the date of the TSIC application.

TABLE 1**Qualifying Under Free and Reduced Lunch Program /USDA Guidelines****Effective from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023**

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES		REDUCED PRICE MEALS - 185 %				
	ANNUAL		ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY
48 CONTIGUOUS STATES, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, GUAM, AND							
1	13,590		25,142	2,096	1,048	967	484
2	18,310		33,874	2,823	1,412	1,303	652
3	23,030		42,606	3,551	1,776	1,639	820
4	27,750		51,338	4,279	2,140	1,975	988
5	32,470		60,070	5,006	2,503	2,311	1,156
6	37,190		68,802	5,734	2,867	2,647	1,324
7	41,910		77,534	6,462	3,231	2,983	1,492
8	46,630		86,266	7,189	3,595	3,318	1,659
For each add'l family member, add	4,720		8,732	728	364	336	168

Reminder: Total income before taxes, social security, health benefits, union dues, or other deductions must be reported.

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Table 2
Qualifying Under HUD Very Low-Income Limits

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) sets income limits that determine eligibility for assisted housing programs including the Public Housing, Section 8 project-based, Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher, Section 202 housing for the elderly, and Section 811 housing for persons with disabilities programs. HUD develops income limits based on Median Family Income estimates and Fair Market Rent area definitions for each metropolitan area, parts of some metropolitan areas, and each non-metropolitan county.

The statutory basis for HUD's income limit policies is Section 3 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended. The below chart provides the key "Very Low-Income" income limits. Very low-income families are defined as families whose incomes do not exceed 50 percent of the median family income for the area.

County Name	Household Size							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Broward	\$31,750	\$36,300	\$40,850	\$45,350	\$49,000	\$52,650	\$56,250	\$59,900