



Leaders for Life Fellowship

Scholarship Application



Take Stock in
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scholarships, mentors & hope



MISSION

To enable highly motivated **Take Stock in Children** scholars who have demonstrated solid leadership skills, strong moral character, and academic success to excel in a university environment by providing the resources that will empower them to develop their full potential as Leaders for Life.

FELLOWSHIP BENEFITS

The **Leaders 4 Life Award** benefits include a new laptop computer, leadership training and professional development. L4L recipients who choose to attend 4-year public universities in the state of Florida will also receive funding up to \$10,000 to cover the costs of the following postsecondary expenses:

- Campus housing
- Meal plan
- Books and supplies
- Transportation expenses
- Personal, health and miscellaneous expenses
- Printer and internet access

Exact benefits will be based on each recipients’ individual needs.

TO THE APPLICANT

The information provided on this application will be used to determine your eligibility to receive non-tuition related funding to pursue a postsecondary education at any Florida public 4-year university through the **Leaders 4 Life Fellowship** program. L4L recipients must continue to adhere to the requirements of the Fellowship to continue to receive undergraduate funding on an annual basis.

Once completed, the application should be forwarded to your local **Take Stock in Children** program office.

Any question that is not applicable to your situation should be answered with a “N/A.” If more space is required to answer any question, please attach additional pages to this application. **Please make sure all questions are answered.**

Fellowship designation is made by a selection committee based on scholarship criteria and student qualifications, without discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability, or any other protected characteristic as established by law.

Please ensure every question on the application is complete, all supporting documents are included, and all criteria are met for the **Leaders 4 Life Fellowship** program. **Take Stock in Children** reserves the right to process only applications found to be eligible according to fellowship guidelines and fully completed by your local program’s deadline of _____. Up to three applications from each local program will be selected for submission to the L4L statewide selection committee.

As a **Leaders 4 Life Fellowship** applicant you will automatically be enrolled in **Take Stock in Children’s Alumni Alliance**. The **Alumni Alliance** offers a wide array of opportunities for its members, including leadership and networking advancement, professional development, peer mentoring, and a variety of other incentives.

CERTIFICATION

In submitting this application, I certify the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsification of information on the application or accompanying supporting documents can result in the termination of any scholarship granted. Acceptance of the **Leaders 4 Life Fellowship** scholarship indicates my permission for the promotion and publication of my award and constitutes my guarantee that funds received will be spent on legitimate college/university expenses .

APPLICATION MUST HAVE ORIGINAL SIGNATURES

Applicant Signature _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Guidance Counselor or
TSIC Representative _____

Date _____



APPLICANT DATA

Mr. _____
 Mrs. Name (Last) (First) (MI) Social security number

Permanent address (Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Date of birth (month, day, year) Telephone number Email address

PLEASE PROVIDE ALTERNATE Telephone number Email address

Name of parent/guardian Telephone number

Permanent address of parent/guardian if different from applicant (Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Name of local Take Stock in Children representative Telephone number

SCHOOL DATA

High school currently attending Graduation date (Month & Year)

School address (Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Name of high school principal Is student dually enrolled? (Yes or No)

Name of high school guidance counselor Name of Take Stock in Children Student Advocate

High school attended (if applicable) School address (Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

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Name of 4-year postsecondary institution applicant will be attending (first choice)

Name of 4-year postsecondary institution applicant will be attending (second choice)

Student plans to: Live on campus Live off campus Commute (please provide estimated round trip mileage _____)

Anticipated postsecondary graduation date Major field of study applicant plans to pursue Minor field of study applicant plans to pursue (if applicable)



OTHER SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Please list the name and amount of any grants or college scholarships that the applicant has already received or expects to receive, including Bright Futures scholarship the applicant will be eligible to receive:

NAME OF AWARD	AMOUNT	GRANTED	PENDING

If you are not receiving a Bright Futures scholarship, please indicate the reason below:

PERSONAL DATA

Describe your work experience during the **past 4 years**. Please provide dates of employment and rate of pay at each job and the approximate number of hours worked each week:

POSITION	START DATE	END DATE	HOURS PER WEEK	RATE OF PAY

Please list all school activities and related honors and awards in which the applicant has participated during the past 4 years (student government, music, sports, clubs, etc.).

Please list all civic/community activities and related honors and awards in which the applicant has participated during the past 4 years (Red Cross, community volunteerism, mentoring, etc.)

Please use additional sheets if necessary.

SCHOOL ACTIVITY	NO. OF YEARS PARTICIPATING	AWARDS, HONORS, OFFICE HELD	COMMUNITY ACTIVITY	NO. OF YEARS PARTICIPATING	AWARDS, HONORS, OFFICE HELD

COMMENTS/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: _____



ESSAYS

The following two (2) essays must be typewritten, double-spaced, and should not exceed more than 1,000 words. Essays must be included with the submission of your completed L4L application.

- I. Discuss your five-year education plan. Your plan should include college and career goals, specific information on why you should be considered for this scholarship, and how you plan to give back in the future.
- II. Discuss any difficult family or personal circumstances which may have affected your achievement in school, work experience, or participation in school and community activities and how you overcame them.

TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN

This section to be completed by a **Take Stock in Children** Student Advocate or representative.

The applicant actively participates in **Take Stock in Children** events and workshops: Always Sometimes Never

The applicant has fulfilled all **Take Stock in Children** program requirements: Always Sometimes Never

COMMENTS

TSIC representative's signature

Date

Title

Telephone number

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Two (2) letters of recommendation must be submitted with the completed **Leaders 4 Life Fellowship** application. These letters should attest to the student's leadership potential and/or academic achievements.

Recommendation letters may come from community, business and/or religious leaders, coaches, or instructors.

PLEASE NOTE : Only one (1) reference letter can be from a teacher or other school staff. Family members, **Take Stock in Children** representatives, staff, or mentors are not valid sources for letters of recommendation.

TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION

Applicant must include a high school transcript of grades and have the section below completed by an authorized school official.

Applicant ranks _____ in a class of _____ Cumulative grade point average _____/4.0 scale _____/5.0 scale

PSAT: Verbal _____ Math _____ SAT: Verbal _____ Math _____ Writing _____ ACT: English _____ Math _____

School official's signature

Title

Date

Telephone number

FERPA RELEASE

In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), I authorize the release of all academic records, including graduation, registration, disciplinary records, financial aid, financial records, business records, and residence life records and information to **Take Stock in Children** and/or its representatives until I rescind this consent in writing.

Student signature

Date

Telephone number

Email address



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE QUESTIONNAIRE (FAQ)

STUDENT

Mr. _____
 Ms. Name (Last) (First) (MI) Student number _____

_____ (Street) (City) (State) (Zip)
 Permanent mailing address

_____ (month, day, year) _____ Telephone number _____ Email address _____
 Date of birth

PARENT/GUARDIAN

Mr. _____
 Ms. Name (Last) (First) (MI) Telephone number _____

_____ (Street) (City) (State) (Zip)
 Permanent address of parent/guardian if different from applicant

PARENT/GUARDIAN INCOME, EXPENSE, AND ASSET DATA FOR THE YEAR JANUARY 1, 2011 TO DECEMBER 31, 2011

The applicant's parent/guardian must complete the following section. NOTE: If legally classified as an independent student, use this section to supply your (and your spouse's, if any) financial information. Please indicate whether the information is from:
 (Please select option below)

- Estimates based on current income information to be filed by April 15, 2012
 A completed tax return – IRS FORM 1040 filing date of April 15, 2011

1. Adjusted gross income (FORM 1040)\$ _____
 2. Total federal tax paid (FORM 1040)\$ _____
 3. Total income of father or self if independent student\$ _____
 Total income of mother\$ _____
 4. Yearly untaxed income and benefits: Social Security, AFDC, child support, other\$ _____
 5. Medical/Dental expenses not paid by insurance (exclude premiums)\$ _____
 6. Total cash, checking, savings, cash value of stocks, etc (exclude retirement plan funds, IRA, 401K)\$ _____
 7. Total number of family members living in the household and primarily supported by the reported income # _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian or independent student's current marital status is:

- single married separated divorced widowed

Total number of family members who will be attending a postsecondary school at least ½ time during the 2011-2012 school year, including applicant # _____

CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURES : All information on this form is true and complete to the best of my (our) knowledge. I (we) agree to provide proof of the information that I (we) have provided on this form. I (we) realize that proof may include a copy of my (our) 2011 U.S. income tax return. I (we) also realize that if I (we) cannot provide proof if/when asked, the applicant may be denied their [Leaders 4 Life Fellowship](#) scholarship.

 Applicant's Signature

 Parent/Guardian Signature

 Date Completed

Do you have legal custody of student? Yes No

Is the student your dependent? Yes No



INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE QUESTIONNAIRE (FAQ)

STUDENT: The scholarship applicant's name should appear on the first line on the FAQ, along with their social security number. The applicant's permanent address should follow on the second line of the FAQ along with their date of birth, telephone number, and current email address.

PARENT/GUARDIAN: This section should be completed by the applicant's biological mother or father with which the scholarship applicant resides more than half of the year. If the scholarship applicant resides with extended family, but their biological parents are living, only the biological parent's information should be provided in this section. In the case where the applicant's biological parent's financial information is not available or non-existent, then an exemption from this requirement must be granted by the [Leaders 4 Life Fellowship](#) selection committee.

PARENT/GUARDIAN INCOME, EXPENSE, AND ASSET DATA: Information on this form must be from the applicant's parents' completed tax return or based on estimated information to be filed by April 15, 2012. Be sure to check the appropriate box.

1. Adjusted Gross Income can be found on IRS FORM 1040 and is gross income reduced by specific adjustments allowed by law.
2. Total Federal Tax Paid includes the total amount of federal income tax to be paid as reported on IRS FORM 1040. This is not the amount withheld from employee paychecks. (The amount withheld should be adjusted by any refund or additional taxes due.) Do not report state income tax.
3. Total Income earned should be reported individually for both parents. If the student resides with only one parent, the [Leaders 4 Life Fellowship](#) selection committee prefers to receive financial information from both natural parents, when possible. Financial information must be received from the parent who claims the child as a dependent for tax purposes. If a parent has remarried, the spouse's information is required if the spouse is a legal guardian of the student, or claims the student as a dependent, or the student is included in the spouse's benefit plan. If necessary, two Financial Data sections may be submitted by the student. A copy of the Financial Data section may be made in order for one to be completed by each parent.
4. Untaxed Income and Benefits include any other income or benefits not included in the adjusted gross income figure. Do not include untaxed contributions to retirement plans.
5. Medical and Dental Expenses include only those expenses not paid by insurance. Do not include premium payments.
6. Total cash, checking, savings, cash value of stocks, etc. include liquid assets that can be used for educational expenses. Not included are IRA, 401K, or other retirement plan funds.
7. Total number of family members living in the household and primarily supported by the above income includes dependent college students living away from home.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Be sure to check the appropriate box giving the current marital status of the persons for whom financial information is being submitted. Include the total number of all family members attending post-secondary school at least half time. (Post-secondary school includes any two- or four-year college or vocational school.) Be sure to include the applicant in this number.

CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURES: This form must be signed by both the student and the parent/guardian completing the FAQ. Parent/guardian's signature is not required for an independent student. Please read the certification.

PLEASE NOTE: Any exceptions to providing financial information as instructed above must be submitted to the [Leaders 4 Life Fellowship](#) selection committee in writing.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Completed **L4L Fellowship** Application – be sure that your application is complete and that you have obtained all of the necessary signatures.
- Academic Records and Transcripts – please attach complete copies of your high school transcripts.
- Personal Essays – not to exceed more than 1,000 words each:
 - I. 5 year education plan
 - II. Family or personal circumstances
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendation –Recommendation letters may come from community, business and religious leaders, coaches, or instructors. Please remember that only 1 of the letters can be from a teacher or other school staff. **Take Stock in Children** staff, mentors, or family members are not valid sources for letters of reference.
- Take Stock in Children** program compliance acknowledgement section (page 5 of this application) is complete and signed by an authorized **Take Stock in Children** representative.

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Important Dates to Remember

	Application submission deadline (all applications and supporting materials must be submitted to your TSIC affiliate office).
October 14, 2011	TSIC statewide deadline to submit up to three applications from each local program
Early November, 2011	Finalists will be announced and notified by the Leaders 4 Life Fellowship selection committee. Finalists will be required to record a video interview in cooperation with their local program affiliate. (Video instructions will be provided to finalists at time of finalist announcement)
November 22, 2011	Video interviews and all final scholar applications and attachments to be submitted to the Chair of the Leaders 4 Life Fellowship selection committee.
Mid-December, 2012	Leaders 4 Life Fellowship Winners will be notified by the Leaders 4 Life Fellowship selection committee.
January 10-12, 2012	All Leaders 4 Life winners will be expected to attend the Take Stock in Children annual Statewide Conference to be held in Tallahassee, FL January 10 th -12 th 2012. Costs of attendance will be covered by L4L.

