Take Stock In Children (TSIC) – Seminole Student Application Guide

The purpose of this guide is to walk you through applying for the Take Stock In Children – Seminole program. First, go to *Apply to Be A Take Stock in Children-Seminole Scholar* at https://www.foundationscps.org/apply-tsic/

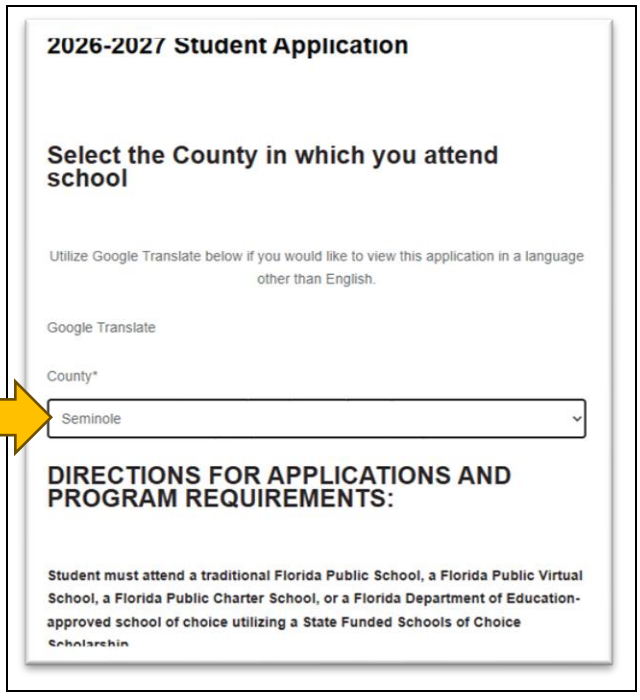
Review the *Eligibility* section to see if you're eligible for the Take Stock program

- Must currently be in the 8th grade enrolled at a SCPS Middle School (Greenwood Lakes, Indian Trails, Jackson Heights, Lawton Chiles, Markham Woods, Millennium, Milwee, Rock Lake, Sanford, South Seminole Academy, Teague, Tuskawilla, or Seminole County Virtual School)
- Qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch based on USDA Guidelines
- Must meet the 2026-2027 Income Eligibility as verified by the Parent(s)/Guardian most recent completed taxes*
- Have an unweighted GPA of 2.5 or above
- Student must have a U.S. Social Security number
- Student must be a U.S. Citizen or Resident Alien
- Plan to enroll in a SCPS High School during 9th grade (Crooms Academy, Hagerty, Lake Brantley, Lake Howell, Lake Mary, Lyman, Oviedo, Seminole, Winter Springs, or Seminole County Virtual School)

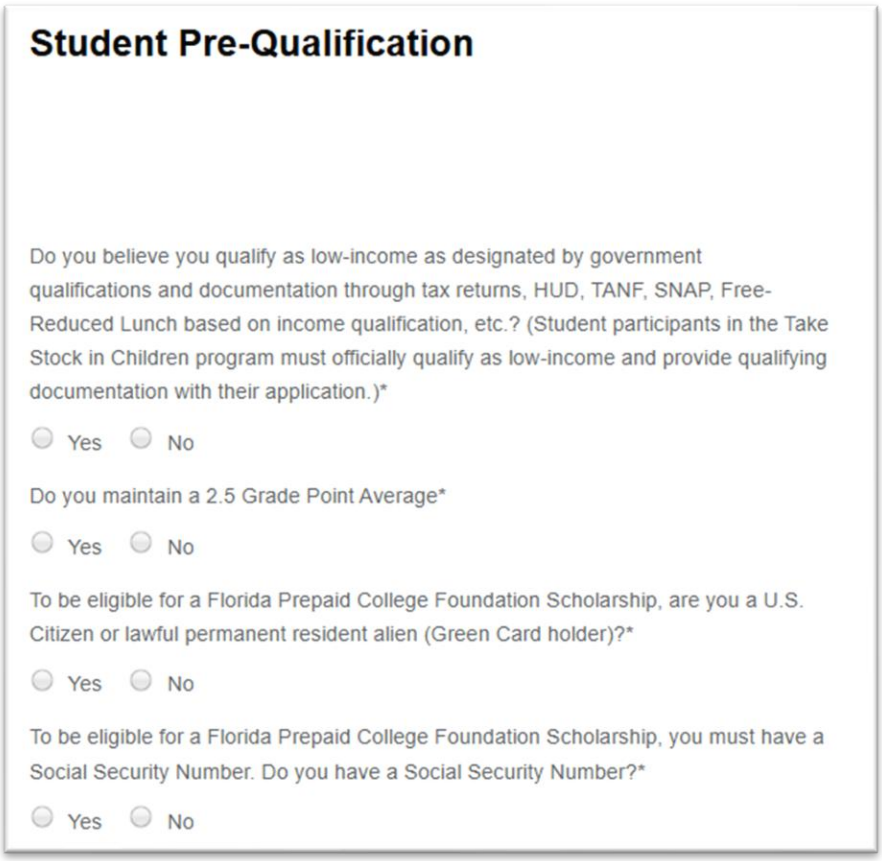
If you are NOT eligible, do not complete the application. Only eligible applicants will be considered. We encourage you to check www.foundationscps.org during senior year for additional scholarship opportunities.

If eligible, go to Take Stock–Seminole application site - **https://tinyurl.com/TSICApplication2025.**

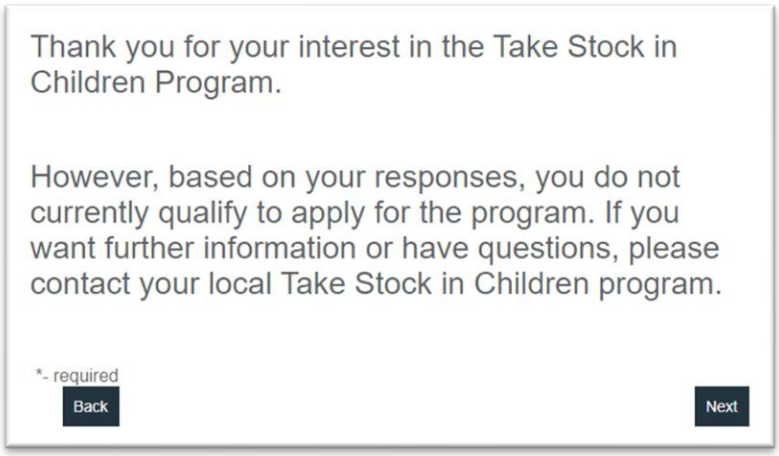
At the login page, select **SEMINOLE** under County. Use Google Translate if you would like to view the application in a language other than English. Click NEXT button to proceed with application.



Complete all 4 required Student Pre-Qualification questions by selecting Yes or No. Once all questions are completed, click the NEXT button to proceed.



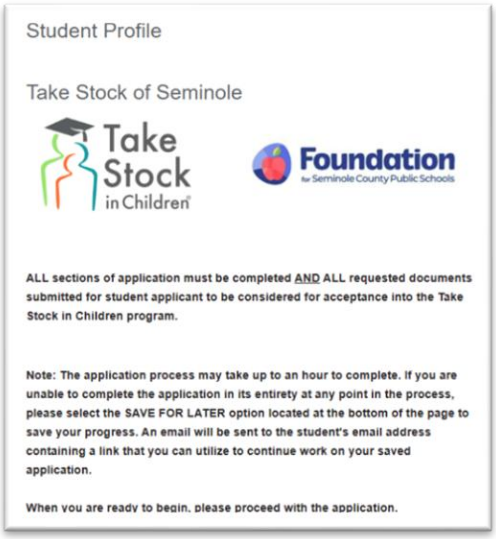
If you do not pre-qualify, you will receive the following message:



If you pre-qualify, proceed to **Take Stock in Children Application – Page 1**

ALL sections of application must be completed AND ALL requested documents submitted for student applicant to be considered for acceptance into the Take Stock in Children program.

Note: The application process may take up to an hour to complete. If you are unable to complete the application in its entirety at any point in the process, please use the **Save For Later** button located at the bottom of page two to SAVE your progress. An email will be sent to the **STUDENT email address** containing a link that you can utilize to continue work on your saved application. You can also email **TSIC_Seminole@scps.k12.fl.us** to request the link.



Student Profile

Take Stock of Seminole

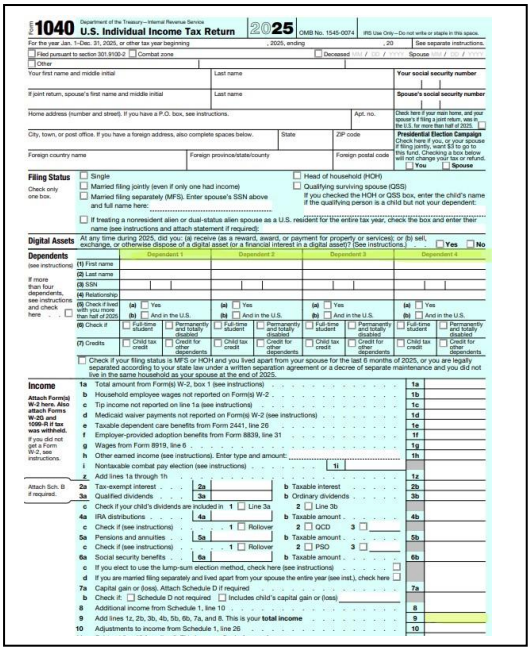
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When you are ready to begin, please proceed with the application.

Before you begin the application, gather the following information:

- U.S. Income Tax Statement 2025 – Form 1040. See example.
- Student Social Security Number
- SCPS Student ID number
- Parent Employment and Financial Information
- Be Prepared for a Student and Parent statement
- Student Statement: Please tell us about your goals, aspirations, and hopes for the future.
- Parent Statement: Apart from financial considerations, how could this program benefit your child? Goals, aspirations, and hopes for your child's future. And please list special family situations that might be relevant to school success. These include serious illness in the family, loss of employment, DCF involvement, homelessness, etc.



Form 1040 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return 2025

Please note that All items marked with an * are required.

Answer how you learned about becoming a Student with Take Stock*

Complete **Student Identification Information** including:

- School*
- Grade Level* (In Seminole County, only 8th grade students are eligible to apply)
- Student First Name*
- Student Middle Name
- Student Last Name*
- Student Social Security Number*
- Student Mobile Phone * (Use Parent Mobile Phone if no Student Mobile Phone)
- Student Home Phone* (If no Home Phone repeat Mobile Phone)
- Student Email*
    - Enter student's personal or district email address. **Student Email Address MUST be different than the Parent's Email Address.**

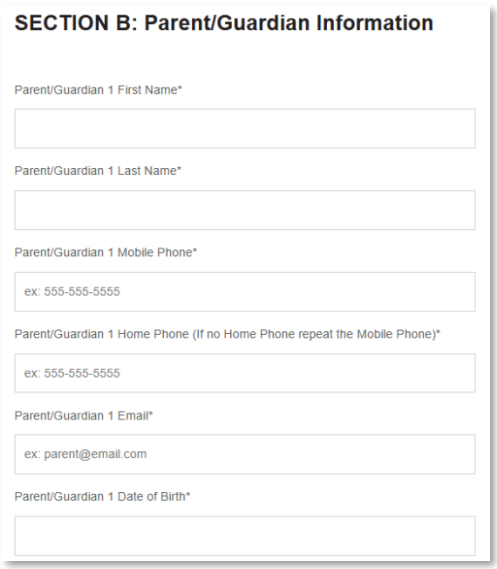
Complete **SECTION A: Student Identification Information** * indicates required

- Student ID Number*
- Date of Birth*
- Address*
- City*
- State*
- Zip Code*
- Gender*
- Race*
- Ethnicity*
    - Is the student of Hispanic origin?
- What other language is spoken at home?

Complete **Florida Prepaid College Foundation Scholarship Requirements**:

- Does the student have an active Social Security number? *
- What is the student's current citizenship status? * (US Citizen or Lawful permanent resident alien – Green Card holder)
- Does the student have a Florida Prepaid College Scholarship Plan? *

Select **Continue** or **Save for Later**. Click **NEXT** button to continue to Page 2



Complete **SECTION B: Parent/Guardian Information**

- Parent/Guardian (1) First and Last Name*
- Parent/Guardian (1) Mobile Phone Number*
- Parent/Guardian (1) Home Phone Number* (If no Home Phone repeat the Mobile Phone)
- Parent/Guardian (1) Email*
- Parent/Guardian (1) Date of Birth*
- Parent/Guardian (1) Address*
- Parent/Guardian (1) Highest Education Level*
    - Some school, not a high school graduate
    - GED
    - High school graduate
    - Associate's degree
    - Technical/Vocational certificate
    - Bachelor's degree
    - Master's degree
    - Doctorate
    - Other
    - Some college, no degree earned
- Parent/Guardian (1) Employer
- Parent/Guardian (1) Occupation
- Parent/Guardian (1) Number of Years with Current Employer
- Parent/Guardian (1) Gross Monthly Salary (Before taxes and deductions) *

You will then be asked if you want to add a second parent/guardian to the application.

- If Yes, you will then complete the same information for Parent/Guardian (2)
- If No, you go directly to next question
- Does applicant have a sibling or member of the household currently or previously involved in the Take Stock in Children Program? * If Yes, note Name and Relationship of the sibling/member.

Complete **SECTION C: Household Information** * indicates required

- Total Adults in Household*
- Total Children In Household*
- Applicant Lives With*
  - NOTE – Select all that apply
- Number of Brothers*
- Number of Sisters*
- Please list all persons living in the home other than student/applicant and parent/guardians listed above
  - Name
  - Age
  - Relationship
  - Highest Level of Education
    - NOTE - Specify 4-year college degree, 2-year college degree, high school degree, or highest grade level completed

Complete **SECTION D: Parent/Guardian Financial Information** * indicates required

- What is your **Annual** Household income? (before taxes and deductions) *
- Are you eligible to receive any social services such as TANF, SNAP, Medicaid, etc. *
  - If yes, check the services you currently receive
- Are you currently receiving assistance from your local CareerSource Development Office? *
- Do you receive income from any other source for this student/applicant such as Social Security, Child Support, or Unemployment, etc? *
  - If yes, please list the type of support and amount per month
- Do you or the student/applicant have a savings account? *
  - If yes, approximate balance in the Savings Account
- Do you own your home?*
  - If yes, what is the amount of your monthly home mortgage payment? *
  - How long have you lived at your current address? *
- Do you rent?*
  - If yes, what is the amount of your monthly rent payment? *
  - How long have you lived at your current address? *

Complete **SECTION E: Student Information** (to be completed by the student) * indicates required

- Student's Career Field(s) of Interest*
  - Check all that apply
- Hobbies / Interests* Which of the activities do you enjoy participating in or watching?
  - Check all that apply
- List activities, interests, strengths, hobbies or awards you have received. *
  - These can be through school, church, community, work experience, etc.
  - **Recommended word count 100-150 words**
- Student Statement: Please tell us about your goals, aspirations, and hopes for your future. *
  - We recommend you use complete sentences
  - **Recommended word count 100-150 words**

Complete **SECTION F: Parent/Guardian Information** (to be completed by parent/guardian) * indicates required

- Apart from financial considerations, how could this program benefit your child? Please include your goals, aspirations, and hopes for your child's future. *
  - **Recommended word count 100-150 words**
- Please list all special family situations that might be relevant to school success such as serious illness in the family, loss of employment, Department of Children and Families involvement, homelessness, etc. *
  - **Recommended word count 100-150 words**

Complete **SECTION G: Student/Parent/Household Factors**

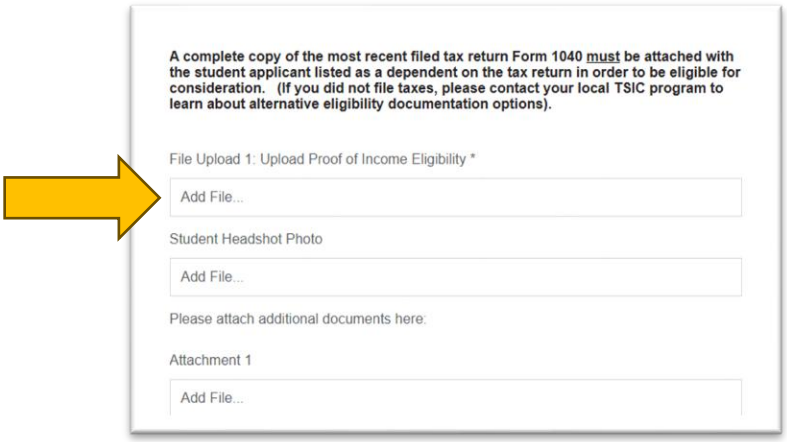
The factors listed are used to determine eligibility. Please check all that apply. To be completed by Parent/Guardian

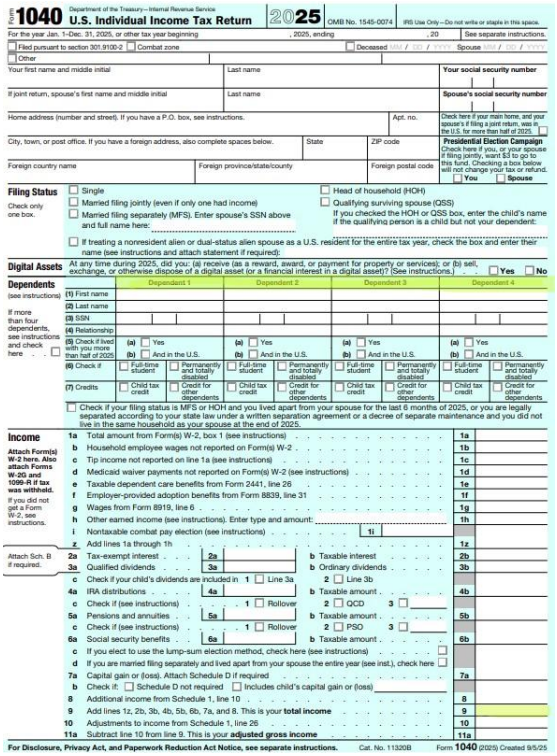
- Absent Parent (no contact or support) *
- Attends low-performing school (D or F rated school) *
- Deceased parent household*
- Department of Children and Families involvement*
- Student with Disability*
- English not spoken in home*
- Extended family in home*
- Extended family raising student*
- Family received TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) benefit within last year*
- First-Generation college student (neither parent has earned a baccalaureate degree or higher) *
- Home in foreclosure*
- Homeless or living with extended family or friends*
- Incarcerated parent household*
- Migrant worker household*
- Parental Loss of employment*
- Parent was teen parent*

- Poor relations between biological parents*
- Serious illness in household*
- Single-parent household*
- Parent or Household Member with Disability*
- Student applicant is teen parent*
- Student is first in the family to complete high school*
- Student is or has been in foster care*
- Other – Please explain
- Does the student have an IEP or 504 Plan (Gifted, Learning Disability, or other)? *

A complete copy of the **2025 tax return Form 1040** (see sample below) must be attached with the student applicant listed as a dependent on the tax return in order to be eligible for consideration. If you did not file taxes, contact your local TSIC program to learn about alternative eligibility documentation options.

Attach 2025 tax return Form 1040 in **File Upload*** by clicking on **Add File**.





No additional attachments are required, but you can add a Student Headshot Photo or other Additional Attachments if you choose.

Acknowledgement and Submission

Proceed to the authorization and prepare to submit or save for later your application.

- Select Consent*
- Enter Student Name/Signature*
- Enter Parent/Guadian Name/Signature *

By signing below, the Student and Parent/Guardian certify that the information contained in this application and supporting documents (collectively, the "application documents") is accurate, truthful, and complete, and understand that any false or incomplete information may result in the Student losing their eligibility to participate in the Take Stock in Children program. The undersigned Student and Parent/Guardian agree that the application documents, which are being provided to Take Stock in Children and the local Take Stock in Children Local partner (collectively, the "Take Stock in Children Organization"), may be shared with the local partner selection committee. The undersigned Student and Parent/Guardian further agree that, if the Student is enrolled in the Take Stock in Children program, any information or documents submitted during the application process may be retained by the Take Stock in Children Organization indefinitely and used or disclosed for program purposes as specified in the Participation Agreement; however, if the Student is not enrolled in the Take Stock in Children program, any information or documents submitted during the application process may be retained by Take Stock in Children Organization for a period of up to ten years for grant reporting or compliance purposes, or for state, federal and/or internal auditing purposes. The undersigned Student and Parent/Guardian understand that no information or documents provided during the application process will be sold or rented to any third party.

Consent *

I agree

Student Name/Signature

Parent/Guardian Name/ Signature

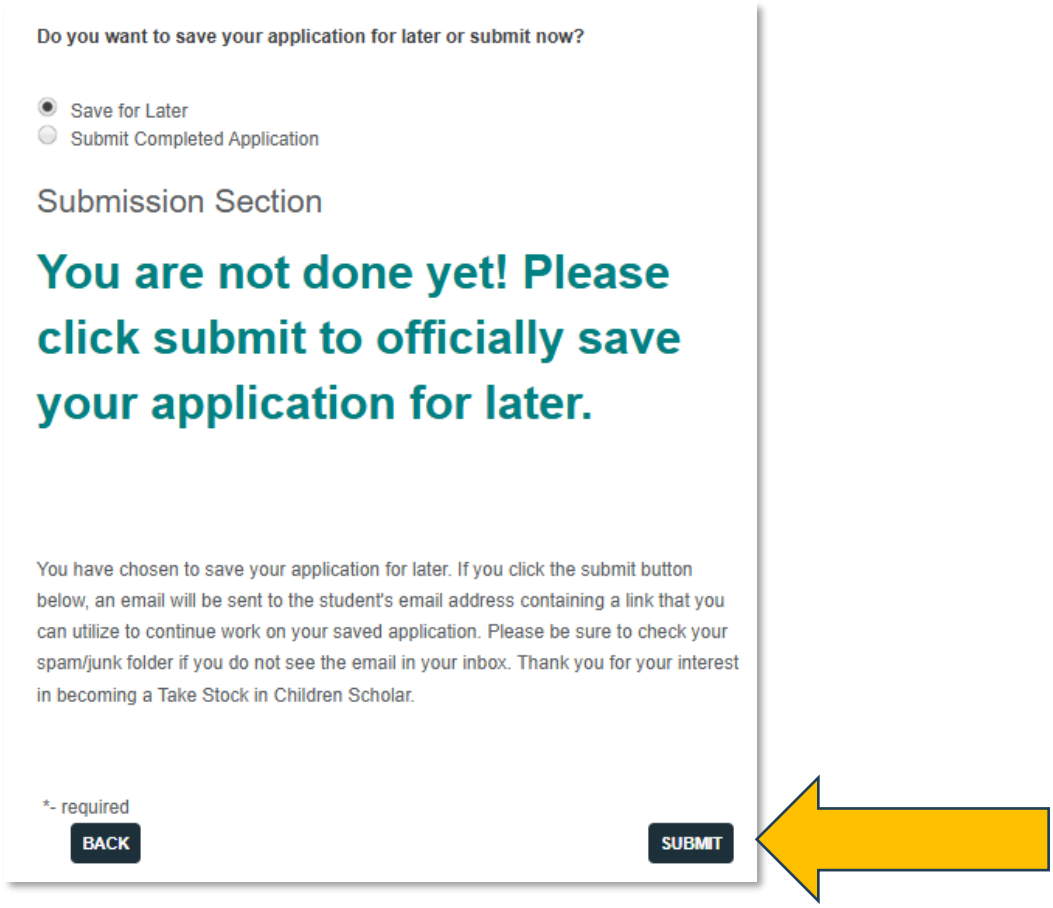
Please note that by electronically providing a typed signature, you have read and agreed to the terms outlined in this Student Application form.

Submission of this application does not guarantee scholarship award.

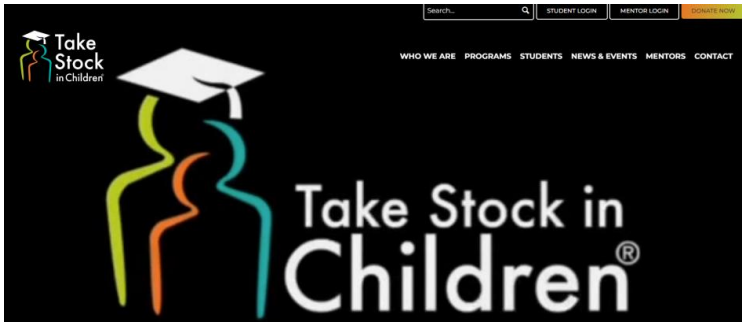
Please print a copy of your responses prior to submitting this application.

If you select **Save For Later** option, the following message will pop up. You MUST hit Submit button to save the information entered.

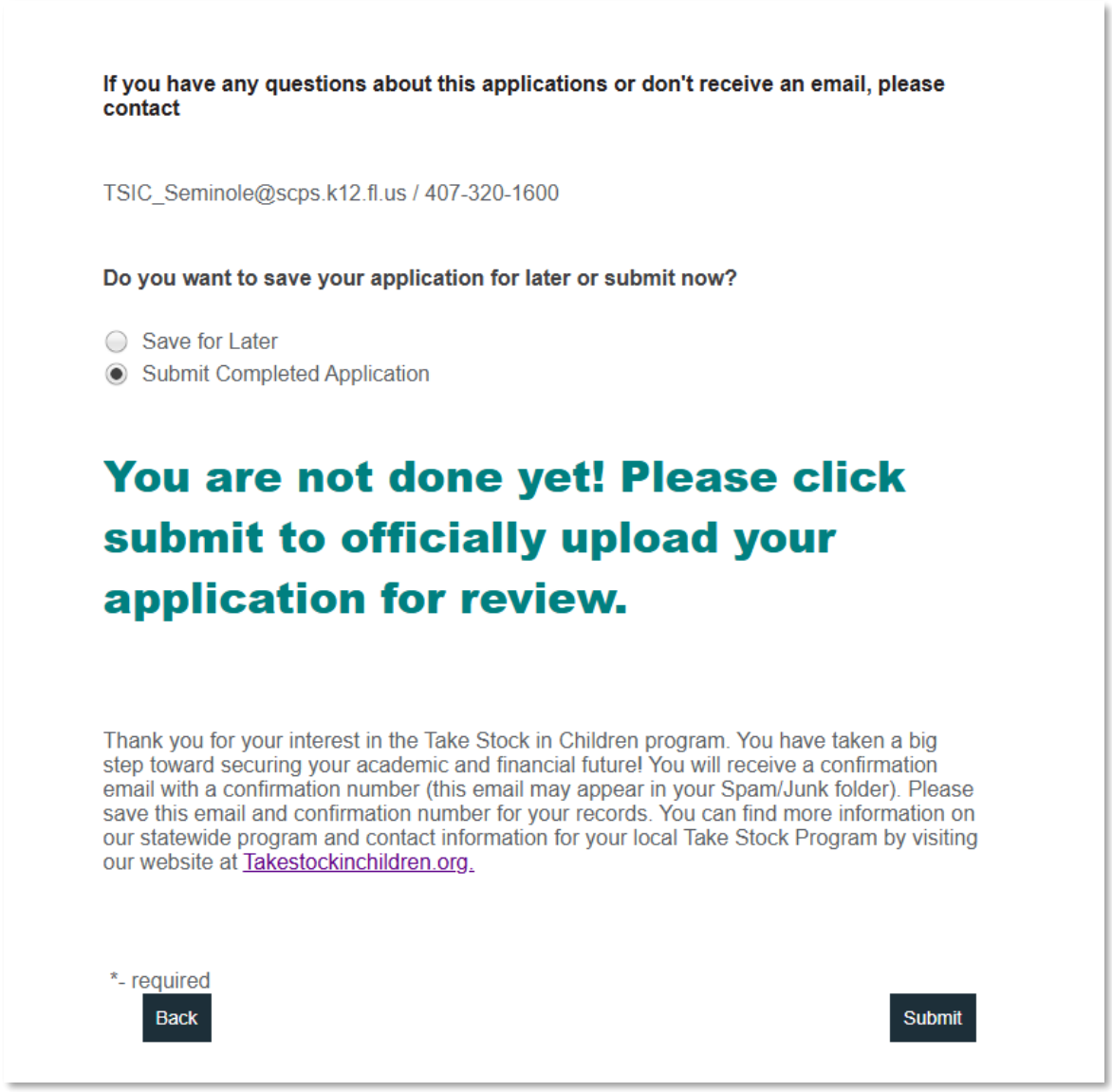
- The link for the application will be sent to the Student Email Address entered on application
- If you do not see the email in the student inbox, please check student spam/junk folder
- If no email is received, please email TSIC_Seminole@scps.k12.fl.us to request assistance and include the student's name



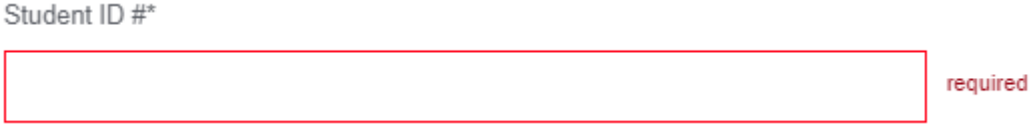
Once you successfully complete **Save For Later**, you will be redirected to www.takestockinchildren.org



If you select **Submit Completed Application** option, the following message will pop up.

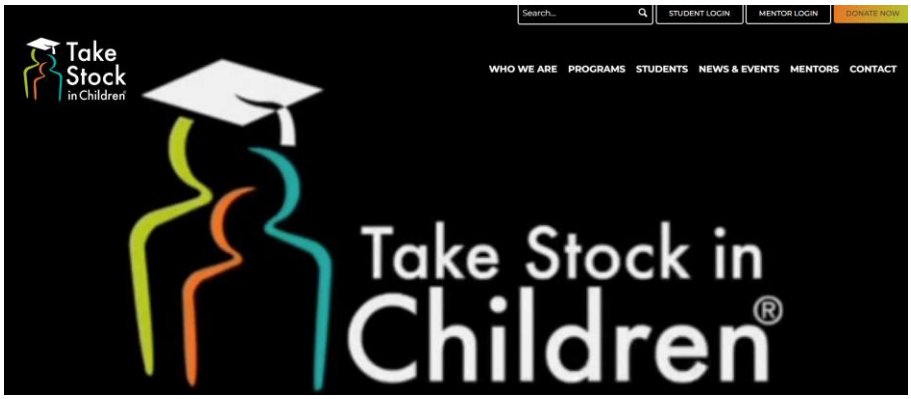


NOTE – All * Required Items MUST be completed to be allowed to Submit the application. If you missed a required item, the system highlights the missing entry boxes in red and notes required. See example.



Once all required information is completed, Select **Submit Completed Application** button.

After clicking **Submit Completed Application,** you will be redirected to the Take Stock website https://www.takestockinchildren.org/



You are all set! Take Stock in Children-Seminole will provide you further direction if needed.

- Submission of this application does not guarantee admission to the program and/or scholarship award.
- Application review will take place following the application deadline and into January 2026. If invited, interviews will take place in February of 2026. We anticipate notifying all applicants of their status by March 30, 2027.
- Please email **TSIC_Seminole@scps.k12.fl.us** or call 407.320.1600 if you have questions about the application.