



TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN

Dear Prospective Mentor:

Thank you for considering the opportunity to become a Take Stock in Children mentor. Your participation in this program will be one of the most rewarding experiences you will ever have! Mentors become trusted friends, confidants and advisors for their student and the benefits to student and mentor are life changing. Enclosed in this packet are the necessary forms you need to complete to begin the process of becoming a mentor.

As you may know, Take Stock in Children is a statewide program that makes it possible for students from families with economic need in our community to reach academic and personal success by providing these students with college scholarships as well as a mentor, such as yourself. Champions For Learning, is the lead agency for the program in Collier County.

Champions For Learning, is working to **bring our community together to invest in innovative practices that enrich the environment for student learning**. Take Stock in Children is one of our most innovative programs for individual student success. Not only does the Take Stock program provide scholarships for deserving students, it is also about giving them the opportunity to gain life skills they need to succeed in an ever more competitive world. Take Stock students commit to staying drug and crime free, maintaining a 2.5 G.P.A., weekly meetings with a mentor and attend all Take Stock events.

As a new mentor, you will be required to attend a Mentor Orientation/Training along with participate in the following mentor/mentee events that will assist you in beginning your relationship with your mentee.

- Contract Signing & Mentor Meet n's Greet on March 25, 2017
- 8th grade Program Orientation Workshop on April 8, 2017
- Induction Ceremony on April 12, 2017

We will contact you with further information about the orientation/training and events, and about your student as the selection process proceeds throughout the year.

There are three sections to this application. Please take a moment to complete all three sections including: mentor application (3 pgs), background screening packet (3pgs) and photo release (1pg). You can scan/email it to Kim Esworthy at KEsworthy@ChampionsForLearning.org, fax it to 643-4799 or mail to 3606 Enterprise Ave, #150, Naples, FL 34104.

We are looking forward to working with you. Remember, as a mentor, you have the opportunity to change the life of a child through education. You, in turn, will be part of a very rewarding and mutually beneficial friendship.

If you need further information, please feel free to contact me at 239-643-4755.

Sincerely,

Ashley Bowers
Take Stock in Children Program Director

Mentor Application 2016-17

PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE OR PHOTO ID TO YOUR APPLICATION.

Name: _____ Preferred Name: _____
Last First M.I.

_____ **Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year)** **Gender:** M or F **# of years in Collier County**

You must have been a resident of Collier County or Lee County for at least two years before becoming a Take Stock in Children mentor.

Home Address: _____
City State Zip

Personal E-mail address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Employer: _____

Job Title: _____

Position Prior to Retirement: _____

Business Address: _____
City State Zip

Business E-mail address: _____ Business Phone _____

Where do you prefer to be contacted? Personal _____ Work _____ Either _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Employment start date: _____

2. Are you a Take Stock graduate? YES NO

3. Age Category: 18-30: _____ 31-40: _____ 41-50: _____ 51-60: _____ 61+: _____

4. Ethnic Group (Please Check One): American Indian _____ Asian _____ Black or African American _____
Multicultural _____ Pacific Islander _____ White _____ Hispanic _____ Other (Please Specify): _____

5. Do you speak a second language? YES (Please Specify) _____ NO

6. Are you married? YES NO

7. Do you have children? YES NO

If yes, have they gone through the college application process? YES NO

8. Do you have any specific training or experience in dealing with any of the following youth issues:
(Check all that apply, and if yes, please explain)

- ___ Drug Awareness
- ___ Teen Pregnancy
- ___ Teen Violence
- ___ Sex/Abstinence
- ___ Other

9. When you were a teenager, what income group was your family categorized as:

Low income ___ Middle income ___ Upper income ___

10. How would you describe yourself as a teenager?

- ___ Troubled (at-risk, serious problems, few successes)
- ___ Typical (some problems, some successes)
- ___ Above average (well-adjusted, mostly successful)

11. Did you have a mentor when you were a teenager or young adult? YES NO

If YES, describe your mentor:

CAREER AND EDUCATION INFORMATION

12. Highest educational degree earned:

- ___ Some schooling, but not high school graduate
- ___ High School Graduate
- ___ Bachelor's Degree
- ___ Doctorate Degree
- ___ G.E.D.
- ___ Associate's Degree
- ___ Master's Degree

Other (please specify) _____

13. Are you currently enrolled in any education or training program? YES NO

If YES, please explain: _____

14. List any clubs or organizations of which you are presently a member: _____

MENTORING INFORMATION

15. How would you describe your communication style?

- Life of the party
- Friendly & outgoing
- Usually wait to be approached by someone new
- None of the above (please describe) _____

16. I am interested in becoming a mentor in the Take Stock in Children program (check all that apply)

- I think I'd be a positive role model
- I like children
- I have the time to give
- I overcame difficulties growing up and would like to help someone else
- I think I have the personality and abilities to be a good mentor
- I am interested in a long term relationship with a child
- I believe in the value of mentoring
- I wish I had a mentor when I was in school

17. Please indicate how comfortable you would be in talking to a TSIC scholar about the following:

	<i>Very comfortable</i>	<i>Somewhat</i>	<i>Not At All</i>
a. World of work	_____	_____	_____
b. Goal setting	_____	_____	_____
c. Career planning	_____	_____	_____
d. College planning	_____	_____	_____
e. Personal experiences	_____	_____	_____
f. Hobbies/interests	_____	_____	_____
g. Personal problems	_____	_____	_____
h. Drug awareness	_____	_____	_____

18. Please prioritize activities that you see as most important in a mentor relationship:

- Give advice on career options and decision making
 - Make job and resource referrals
 - Assist in job-readiness activities
 - Assist in post-secondary education or training plans
 - Assist in social skills development
 - Provide encouragement and support
 - Be a friend
- Other (please describe) _____

19. Are there any particular problems you would prefer not to handle as a mentor? (Please describe)

20. How did you learn about the Take Stock in Children Program?

- Recruitment by current Take Stock member or volunteer
- Group Presentation
- Company Partnership Program
- Radio, TV or Newspaper Ad
- Mentor Recruitment Drive
- Other (please specify) _____

21. How many miles are you willing to drive? _____

22. Do you have a preferred school or area? _____

23. Is there any additional information about yourself that you would like to share?

BACKGROUND CHECK AND REFERENCES

Your signature will indicate your consent to a background check before being accepted as a Take Stock Mentor.

If you do not consent to a background check, please explain: _____

Please list four references:

(Please include at least one family member, one personal friend and one business reference)

Name _____ Name _____

Address _____ Address _____

City _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home # _____ Home # _____

Work# _____ Work# _____

Relationship _____ Relationship _____

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Name _____ Name _____

Address _____ Address _____

City _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home # _____ Home # _____

Work# _____ Work# _____

Relationship _____ Relationship _____

The undersigned acknowledges and agrees that (1) she or he is not obligated if called upon to perform the volunteer services herein applied for; (2) Take Stock is not obligated to assign or actively seek to assign him or her a Take Stock student; (3) that as a part of the Take Stock matching process, additional information may be elicited from the applicant by the Take Stock program coordinator; and (4) that Take Stock reserves the right at all times to terminate any match between any volunteer and student, for whatever cause.

I have reviewed the Take Stock in Children Mentoring guidelines and I declare that all of the statements made in this application are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature

Date

**Release of Information
Mentor Background Check**

In order for The Education Foundation of Collier County—Champions for Learning and the Take Stock in Children program to complete the processing of my mentor application, I understand that a routine local and state criminal background check is conducted. Results will remain confidential and are considered property of the organizations listed above.

I also understand and agree to any background inquiries from employers and various federal, state, and other agencies which maintain records of my past activities. I authorize, without reservation, any party or agency contacted to furnish the above mentioned information in accordance with all federal and state laws and hereby release them from any damages caused by disclosed information.

PRINT Name

Signature

Date

Signature of Witness

Date

- PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW -

Name _____
Last First Middle Maiden Name

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ Place of Birth _____

Age ____ Race _____ Sex ____ Social Security # ____ - ____ - ____

Height ____ Weight ____ Eye Color ____ Hair Color ____

Driver's License # _____ State ____ Exp. Date ____

If you have lived in Collier County for less than 4 years, please indicate your prior address below so that law enforcement check can also be done in that state/community.

Address _____
Street City State Zip

PLEASE INCLUDE A COPY OF YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE

**Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Criminal Justice Information Services Division/User Services Bureau**

**VECHS WAIVER AGREEMENT AND STATEMENT
Volunteer & Employee Criminal History System (VECHS)
for Criminal History Record Checks
under the National Child Protection Act of 1993, as amended
and Section 943.0542, Florida Statutes**

Pursuant to the National Child Protection Act of 1993, as amended, and section 943.0542, Florida Statutes, this form must be completed and signed by every current or prospective employee, volunteer, and contractor/vendor, for whom criminal history records are requested by a qualified entity under these laws.

I hereby authorize (*Name of Qualified Entity*) **THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF COLLIER COUNTY —CHAMPIONS FOR LEARNING** to submit a set of my fingerprints and this form to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for the purpose of accessing and reviewing Florida and national criminal history records that may pertain to me. I understand that I would be able to receive any national criminal history record that may pertain to me directly from the FBI, pursuant to 28 CFR Sections 16.30-16.34, and that I could freely disclose any such information to whomever I chose. By signing this Waiver Agreement, it is my intent to authorize the dissemination of any national criminal history record that may pertain to me to the Qualified Entity with which I am or seeking to be employed or to serve as a volunteer, pursuant to the National Child Protection Act of 1993, as amended, and Section 943.0542, Florida Statutes.

I understand that, until the criminal history background check is completed, you may choose to deny me unsupervised access to children, the elderly, or individuals with disabilities. I further understand that, upon request, you will provide me a copy of the criminal history background report, if any, you receive on me and that I am entitled to challenge the accuracy and completeness of any information contained in any such report. I may obtain a prompt determination as to the validity of my challenge before you make a final decision about my status as an employee, volunteer, contractor, or subcontractor.

A national criminal history background check on me has previously been requested by:

(Name and Address of Previously Qualified Entity) _____ (Year of Request) _____

I ___ have *OR* ___ have *not* been convicted of a crime.

If convicted, describe the crime(s) and the particulars of the conviction(s) in the space below:

I ___ do *OR* ___ do *not* authorize you to release my criminal history records, if any, to other qualified entities

I am a current or prospective (check one): Employee Volunteer Contractor/Vendor

Signature _____

Date _____

Printed Name _____

Address _____

Date of Birth _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY QUALIFIED ENTITY

Entity Name: **THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF COLLIER COUNTY —CHAMPIONS FOR LEARNING**

Address: **3606 Enterprise Ave, Suite 150, Naples, FL 34104**

Telephone: **(239) 643-4755**

FDLE Assigned Qualified Entity Number: **E11040003**

Mentor Photo Release

Date: _____

Mentor: _____
(Please Print Name)

I hereby consent to being photographed, interviewed and or recorded on audio tape or videotaped by the school district, school or commercial, print or television media or other supporting organizations for the purpose of promoting the Take Stock in Children program. I have full knowledge that the end product may appear in print publications, on television, in a video, or on the Internet. The end product may also be used for instructional purposes and/or for public information. I understand that I may be depicted and or/identified by one or more of the media.

I release The Education Foundation– Champions For Learning: Take Stock in Children program agents, servants, supporting organizations or employees from any responsibility or liability arising from the use of interviews, photographs, videotapes, sound recordings or other images of myself created for use of publication in the media

Signature of Mentor