



Qualifying Under Free and Reduced Lunch Program /USDA Guidelines

Effective from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

2025 FINANCIAL GUIDELINES & REQUIREMENTS		
HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ANNUAL 2025 TAX FORM 1040	MANATEE COUNTY HUD REQUIREMENTS
1	\$29,526	\$39,950
2	\$40,034	\$45,650
3	\$50,542	\$51,350
4	\$61,050	\$57,050
5	\$71,558	\$61,650
6	\$82,066	\$66,200
7	\$92,574	\$70,750
8	\$103,082	\$75,350
For each additional family member, add	\$10,508	N/A

Illustrative data for informational purposes.

- Total Income is found on your Tax form 1040 for the tax year 2025.
- Your student must be listed on the tax form as a dependent. The total income must fall at or below the salary listed above. Household size is determined by the total of dependents listed on your tax form.
- If claiming HUD eligibility, please provide official US Department of HUD documentation listing the student's name as being eligible.
- A secure upload of this tax form is required during TSIC's application process.
- If you don't file taxes, there are other documents that we can use as described in the following page. Those documents will require an upload also.
- Free and Reduced Lunch letters from the school district can not be used for eligibility. Only one form of eligibility needs to be submitted.

**Income Guidelines provided by [USDA.gov](https://www.usda.gov)*

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Determining TSIC Eligibility

- The student applicant must be claimed as a dependent on the tax return provided to verify income eligibility.
- The total number of dependents listed on the tax return provided should be used to verify income eligibility.

Form 1040 Department of the Treasury - Internal Revenue Service
U.S. Individual Income Tax Return **2025** CMB No. 1545-0074 IRS Use Only - Do not write or staple in this space.

For the year Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2025, or after for year beginning , 2025, ending , 2025

See separate instructions.

Your first name and middle initial Last name **PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME** Your social security number
If joint return, spouse's first name and middle initial Last name Spouse's social security number

Home address number and street, if you have a P.O. box, see instructions. Apt. no. Presidential Election Campaign
City, town, or post office, if you have a foreign address, also complete spaces below. State ZIP code Check here. Enter, or your
Foreign country name Foreign prev/comm/state/country Foreign postal code spouse if filing jointly, want \$3
your tax or refund. ☐ You ☐ Spouse

Filing Status ☐ Single ☐ Head of household (HOH)
Check only one box. ☐ Married filing jointly (even if only one had income) ☐ Qualifying surviving spouse (QSS)
☐ Married filing separately (MFS) ☐ If you checked the MFS box, enter the name of your spouse. If you checked the HOH or QSS box, enter the child's name if the
qualifying person is a child but not your dependent:
☐ If treating a nonresident alien or still-status alien spouse as a U.S. resident for the entire tax year, check the tax and enter
their name (see instructions and attach statement if required):

Digital Assets At any time during 2025, did you, (a) receive (as a reward, award, or payment for property or services), or (b) sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of a digital asset for a financial interest in a digital asset? (See instructions.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

Standard Deduction Someone can claim: ☐ You as a dependent ☐ Your spouse as a dependent
☐ Spouse itemizes on a separate return or you have a dual-status alien

Age/Blindness You: ☐ Was born before January 2, 1961 ☐ Are blind Spouse: ☐ Was born before January 2, 1961 ☐ Is blind

Dependents (see instructions): (1) First name First name (5) Social security number (3) Relationship to you (4) Check the box if qualifies for how Dependents:
Child tax credit Credit or other dependents
If more than four dependents, sex designations and check here ☐

Income 1a Total amount from Form(s) W-2, box 1 (see instructions) 1a
b Household employee wages not reported on Form(s) W-2 1b
c Tip income not reported on line 1a (see instructions) 1c
d Matrimonial waiver payments not reported on Form(s) W-2 (see instructions) 1d
e Taxable dependent care benefits from Form 2441, line 26 1e
f Employer provided adoption benefits from Form 8839, line 26 1f
g Wages from Form 8919, line 0 1g
h Other annual income (see instructions) 1h
i Nontaxable combat pay election (see instructions) 1i
a Add lines 1a through 1h 1h

Attach Form(s) W-2 here. Also attach Forms W-6 and 1099 if tax was withheld. If you did not get a Form W-2, and instructions.

Attach Sch. B if required.

Standard Deduction 2a Tax-exempt interest 2a
3a Confirmed dividends 3a
4a IRA distributions 4a
5a Pensions and annuities 5a
6a Social security benefits 6a
b Taxable interest 2b
c Ordinary dividends 3b
d Taxable amount 4b
e Taxable amount 5b
f Taxable amount 6e

Standard Deduction 7 Capital gain or loss. Attach Schedule D if required. If not required, check here ☐ 7
8 Additional income from Schedule 1, line 10 8
9 Add lines 12, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b, 6b, 7, and 8. This is your **TOTAL INCOME** 9
10 Adjustments to income from Schedule 1, line 26 10
11 Subtract the 10 from line 9. This is your **adjusted gross income** 11
12 Qualified deduction or itemized deduction (from Schedule A) 12
13 Qualified business income deduction from Form 8995 or Form 8995-A 13
14 Add lines 12 and 13 14
15 Subtract the 14 from line 11, if zero or less, enter -0-. This is your **taxable income** 15

For Disclosure, Privacy Act, and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see separate instructions. Cat. No. 113808 Form 1040 (2025)

STUDENT MUST BE LISTED ON FORM

LINE 9 MUST FALL AT OR BELOW THE CHART ABOVE

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Take Stock in Children requires proof of income to evaluate eligibility. Applicants must submit their most recently filed IRS Form 1040 showing total income, with the student claimed as a dependent.

If the parent or guardian does not file federal taxes, the following documents may be submitted instead:

1. **Florida Medicaid:** Proof of active benefits via official documentation from the Department of Children and Families (DCF) or the Social Security Administration (for SSI recipients).
2. **SNAP (Food Stamps):** Official documentation from DCF confirming current receipt of SNAP benefits.
3. **TANF:** An official State of Florida approval letter naming the student as a household beneficiary. The benefit eligibility period must align with the TSIC application date.
4. **Foster Care:** Documentation proving the student is currently active in foster care during the TSIC application period.
5. **Homeless Status:** A signed letter on district letterhead from the school district's Homeless Liaison confirming the student's homeless status and free/reduced lunch qualification, dated within the TSIC application window.

*The following documentation **IS NOT** acceptable to verify eligibility for Take Stock in Children:

- **W-2s / Social Security Statements Alone:** These do not confirm total household income or prove the student lives in the same household.
- **Disability Statements:** These may not reflect total household income or verify household composition.
- **IRS Verification of Non-Filing:** This only confirms that a tax return was not filed, not that household income was below the filing threshold.
- **School District Profile Screens (e.g., FOCUS):** Free/reduced lunch status screens in school portals are not accepted as standalone proof.

All applications need proof of eligibility. We only need one of the items listed above. If you have questions, please call **Caitlin Fisher** at **(941) 875-5113** during business hours.

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