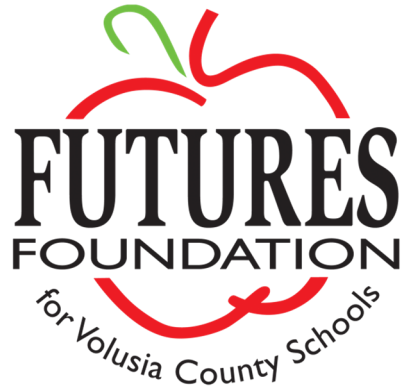


FUTURES Foundation for Volusia County Schools



Established in 1985, FUTURES Foundation for Volusia County Schools is a non-profit 501(c)(3) direct support organization which assists in providing programs for students, teachers and staff within our Volusia County School District. FUTURES Foundation's mission is to engage business and civic leaders to promote and achieve educational excellence for the Volusia County School District. Its vision is that all Volusia County Public School students are equipped and prepared for college or career success. FUTURES Foundation provides a variety of recognition, leadership development and scholarship programs impacting students, teachers and staff.

For the 2022-23 school year, FUTURES Foundation funded more than \$123,000 in School District Education Foundation State Matching grants to provide both enrichment and remedial activities for students in 14 schools. These state funded matching grant programs focused on literacy and low performing students and had a direct impact on student test scores and classroom performance. Over the years, FUTURES Foundation has funded almost \$2.1 million in creative, innovative teacher classroom mini-grants for specialized projects created and designed by Volusia County teachers. The foundation's Teacher Mini-Grant Program uses an on-line grant system at www.FindItFundItFloridacom/Volusia for teachers to apply for and promote their project's funding needs. Check out this website in October for this school year's creative ideas which need funding.

Through its Take Stock in Children Program, FUTURES Foundation provides college tuition scholarships and mentors for selected financially eligible high school students. Take Stock in Children scholars receive a college tuition scholarship upon completion of the program's requirements which include achieving a cumulative 2.5 GPA upon graduation, remaining drug, alcohol, crime and gang free, and meeting with a mentor weekly for 30 minutes on campus or virtually during their high school years.

Other FUTURES Foundation programs include Tomorrow's Leaders, a leadership development program for high school juniors; Turn Around Recognition Program for middle and high school students; First Year Teacher Awards; Principal of the Year Awards; Superintendent's Outstanding Achievement Awards; and the Teacher of the Year Program.

Please visit www.FuturesVolusia.org to learn more about the investment FUTURES Foundation provides within Volusia County Public Schools and how you may become involved. VCS employees may support FUTURES Foundation through payroll deduction which is easily accessed via the e-portal's payroll tab. Another way to show your support is through the purchase of the "Support Education" specialty license tag which provides \$20 from each purchase or renewal to FUTURES Foundation for vehicles registered in Volusia County. Purchasing your tag is as easy as visiting www.LicenseToLearnFL.com.

