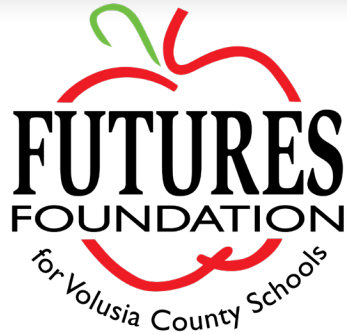




FUTURES Foundation for Volusia County Schools



In 1985 FUTURES Foundation for Volusia County Schools (FUTURES) was established as the direct support organization of Volusia County Schools. Over the last 39 years its mission has remained the same – to engage business and civic leaders to promote and achieve educational excellence for the Volusia County School District. In its capacity as

the education foundation, FUTURES provides a variety of leadership development, scholarship and recognition programs impacting students, teachers, and staff.

During the 2023-24 school year, FUTURES provided more than \$215,000 in grants to provide both enrichment and remedial activities for students across the district. Over the years, FUTURES has funded \$2.3 million into 4,700 creative, innovative teacher classroom grants for specialized projects created and designed by Volusia County teachers. The foundation's Teacher Classroom Grant Program uses an online grant system at www.FindItFundItVolusia.com/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 projects which need funding.

Through its Take Stock in Children Program (TSIC), FUTURES provides college tuition scholarships, a volunteer mentor and college readiness support for selected, financially eligible students. TSIC scholars receive a college tuition scholarship upon high school graduation and completion of the program's requirements. The application will open in December 2024 for qualified eighth grade students. Please visit <https://www.futuresvolusia.org/Take-Stock-in-Children-6-17.html> for more information and to apply.

Other FUTURES' programs include Tomorrow's Leaders, a leadership development program for high school juniors (applications open in August); Turn Around Recognition Program for middle and high school students; First Year Teacher Awards; Principal of the Year Awards; Support Staff of the Year Awards; and the Teacher of the Year Program.

FUTURES' newest project is the Teacher Resource Store. Through a series of community funded grants, donations & school supply drives, FUTURES will officially open a Teacher Resource Store in Fall 2024, offering free supplies to supplement teachers' classroom needs.

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 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 for vehicles registered in Volusia County. Purchasing your tag is as easy as visiting www.LicenseToLearnFL.com.

