

In 1985 FUTURES Foundation for Volusia County Schools (FUTURES) was established as the education foundation for Volusia County Schools. Our mission for 40 years has been simple: to engage business, civic and district leaders to promote and achieve educational excellence for the Volusia County School District. FUTURES provides a variety of leadership development, scholarships and recognition programs impacting

students, teachers, and staff.

How does FUTURES make a difference?

Each year FUTURES invests in programs and resources that directly impact students and classrooms across the district:

- During the 2024-25 school year, over \$425,000 in grants helped fund programs offering both extra enrichment and remedial activities for students.
- Since its start, FUTURES has disbursed more than \$2.4 million into 4,800 Teacher Classroom Grants funding creative, hands-on projects designed by teachers to enhance learning.

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 2025 for qualified eighth grade students. Please visit www.futuresvolusia.org for more information and to apply.

Additional Programs for Students and Staff

FUTURES also proudly sponsors:

- Tomorrow's Leaders a leadership development program for high school juniors (applications open in August)
- Turn Around Recognition Program celebrating middle and high school students who have made positive life changes
- Award programs Teacher of the Year, First Year Teacher,
 Principal of the Year, and Support Staff of the Year

The Teacher Resource Store provides teachers with free classroom supplies, made possible through local donations and school supply drives — directly benefiting your child's classroom.

Here is how you can be part of FUTURES' efforts!

Visit <u>www.futuresvolusia.org</u> to learn more about our programs and upcoming events.

- VCS employees can support FUTURES through payroll giving via the e-portal's payroll tab.
- Purchase a "Support Education" specialty license plate. \$20
 from each purchase or renewal of this plate stays right here in
 Volusia County to support FUTURES programs. Order yours at
 www.LicenseToLearnFL.com.

