



Pershing School

Orange County Public Schools



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Hello 8th grade families!

I am the new school counselor at Pershing and I'm excited to let you know about a scholarship program - the Valencia Horizons Scholars program. The Valencia Horizon Scholars – Take Stock in Children Program is a scholarship, mentoring, and college readiness program designed to provide students with professional, academic, and personal support. This program culminates in students receiving a **two-year Florida Prepaid scholarship that can be used at any public university, college, or vocational/technical school in Florida upon high school graduation and successful program completion**. The application window is currently open and closes on March 3rd, 2023.

Student Eligibility Requirements:

- Have a 2.5 unweighted GPA
- Meet the household financial need requirements as outlined in the attached documents and our website
- Demonstrate a desire to continue their education after high school

Selected Students Receive:

- **2-year Florida Prepaid Scholarship**
- **Mentorship** throughout High School
- **College & Career** Readiness Support
- A College Success **Coach**
- **Personal, Academic, & Leadership** Development

Valencia has put together 4 **virtual parent information sessions** that I would like to invite you to attend – January 11th at 5:30 pm, January 17th at 4:30 pm, February 2nd at 5 pm, and February 7th at 6 pm. If you'd like to sign up for one of the available sessions, please use this link: use Valencia Horizon Scholars - Take Stock in Children Information Session Sign-Up

If you have any questions or need any assistance with completing this application, please don't hesitate to let me know! You can email me at Chelsea.Vandegrift@ocps.net. Thank you!

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