



# Have You Heard About the Doorways Scholarship Program?

The City of St. Petersburg works in conjunction with the Pinellas Education Foundation to provide scholarships to economically disadvantaged students in St. Petersburg. The Doorways Scholars program has generated millions of dollars for scholarships and currently has over 3,000 students in their program. The program, using exclusively private donations, has funded 100-125 scholarships each year. Doorways Scholarships are awarded to eligible sixth graders living in St. Petersburg.

## Doorways recipients must:

- ✓ Receive free or reduced lunch
- ✓ Attend a St. Petersburg public school.
- ✓ Maintain at least a "C" or better in all classes
- ✓ Attend school regularly
- ✓ Complete homework and study for tests
- ✓ Remain crime and drug free
- ✓ Have a mentor



## Nominate a student!

Anyone can nominate a student! If you know a deserving Pinellas County student between sixth and eleventh grade level, please go to the Foundation website and fill out the online application at:  
<http://www.pinellaseducation.org/index.cfm/do/Employees.Nominate>

## Become a mentor!

Mentoring is an extremely effective way to positively affect the City's youth. According to the National Mentoring Partnership, teens who are mentored are:

- ✓ 73% more likely to raise their goals as a result of the relationship
- ✓ 59% more likely to get better grades
- ✓ 46% less likely to get involved with drugs

Just visit our website at: [http://www.stpete.org/mentors/mentoring\\_ii/test.asp](http://www.stpete.org/mentors/mentoring_ii/test.asp) for more information or call (727)892-5189 for more information on how to make a difference in the life of a child.

## Donate!

In order to purchase a pre-paid four-year college scholarship for a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student, in today's currency it will cost approximately \$15,800. For every \$ 3,950 raised by the Mayor's Office, the Pinellas Education Foundation matches with \$ 3,950 and then in turn that \$7,900 is matched by Take Stock In Children (State of Florida), to purchase the \$15,800 pre paid scholarship for a 4-year education.

Please mail your tax-deductible, charitable contribution in check form, payable to:  
Pinellas Education Foundation  
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