



KENTUCKY FFA FOUNDATION



2022 Annual Report

Growing Leaders. Building Communities. Strengthening Agriculture.

Vision

The vision of the Kentucky FFA Foundation is to **grow leaders, build communities, and strengthen agriculture.**

Mission

The Kentucky FFA Foundation is an independent organization devoted to accomplishing the aims of the FFA mission: "To make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. The Kentucky FFA Foundation will ensure the success of the total program of Agricultural Education in Kentucky by:

- Providing recognition to Kentucky FFA members
- Supporting the work of the Kentucky FFA Association
- Supporting the Kentucky FFA Leadership Training Center
- Supporting local FFA chapters and members
- Supporting Teachers of Agriculture
- Supporting Teacher Education
- Supporting State Staff



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Cover, top row: Flag ceremony at 2022 Kentucky FFA State Convention; 2022 FFA jacket grant recipient, Bondurant Middle School; SAE grant recipient, Barren County; SAE grant recipient, Shelby County

Bottom row: SAE grant recipient, Seneca HS; Ag Achiever grant recipient, Marshall County; SAE grant recipient, Warren East HS; SAE grant recipient, Western Hills HS

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A Note From Our Executive Director

Dear Friends,

I am honored to share our 2022 Annual Report. This document serves as a way to recognize our accomplishments through the year and acknowledge the donors who make it possible.

We had some tremendous highs in 2022. We celebrated receiving our largest one-time gift to date at the end of 2021 when the 1950 Kentucky FFA State President, Bill Gatton, made a \$300,000 endowed gift to support "The Summit," an annual leadership experience for our State FFA Officer team in Washington, DC. This gift was incredible for us, and so special for Mr. Gatton to give back to an organization that helped him become one of Kentucky's greatest entrepreneurs and philanthropists. Very sadly, Mr. Gatton passed away in May of 2022 and was laid to rest back in his hometown of Bremen.

I wasn't sure that we would ever receive a gift like Mr. Gatton's again. Then in June we received a \$300,000 grant from the James & Martha Brown Foundation to benefit FFA chapters in Harrison, Nicholas and Robertson Counties. Though I will never meet Mr. James Brown, an entrepreneur who had a heart for giving, I am honored to steward his gift to raise up leaders in those communities for generations.

In March I was thrilled to host my Foundation colleagues from across the country for a retreat in Bardstown. Folks from 26 states spent three days in the Bluegrass learning about the Kentucky FFA Foundation. I had so much fun showing off the best Kentucky has to offer in hospitality, agriculture and leadership. It was incredible.

Our Foundation runs on a full-time staff of three people. For the last seven years, I have had the joy of working with Emily Mitchell as our Stewardship Coordinator. After a new addition to their family this spring, Emily made the difficult decision to step back from the Foundation. Her kindness, cooperative spirit and heart for FFA has been so missed.

I cannot accurately chronicle this year without mentioning that Brian Chism, former Kentucky FFA State President, stepped in this summer, on top of his thriving real estate brokerage business, to help us transition. I will forever be grateful to him.

The Foundation began looking for a polished professional with a heart for FFA who could be donor forward and help take the Foundation to the next level. We are thrilled to introduce Ms. Ruth Ann Myers to our staff as our Development Officer. Ruth Ann was a Kentucky FFA State Officer, National FFA Officer and agriculture teacher. She has been a perfect addition and we are thrilled to see how she helps us grow.

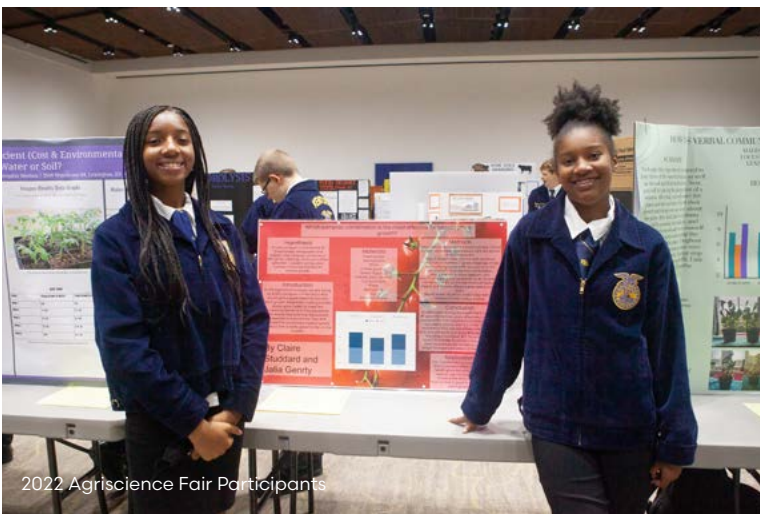
2022 also marked my ten-year anniversary as the Kentucky FFA Foundation Executive Director. Though it's fun to look back and see how far we have come, we can't do that for long. This fall we embarked on developing a new strategic plan for Kentucky Ag Ed and FFA. We are continuing to cast a vision on how to grow our support of ag teachers and FFA members in communities across Kentucky and how ag ed continues to rise to the challenge of raising up the next generation of agricultural leaders. It's vital work and we need your help to do it.

If you have supported the Kentucky FFA Foundation this year, I want to sincerely thank you. Your gift shows that you believe in our values and you have confidence in our vision of Growing Leaders, Building Communities and Strengthening Agriculture. **It's my promise to you that we will continue to steward your gift to make a difference in the lives of FFA members.**

Sincerely,

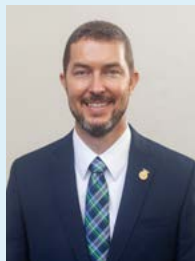


Sheldon McKinney
Executive Director
Kentucky FFA Foundation



2022 Agriscience Fair Participants

2022 Foundation Chair



Anthony Koch
Kentucky FFA Foundation Chair

***Success in fundraising
means more students reap
the benefits of those efforts.***

Success begets success. My fellow board members are likely tired of hearing me attempt to convey this mentality repeatedly at our meetings. But it is true. It is right in front of us and everywhere you look among FFA members and in the role the Kentucky FFA Foundation plays in supporting members, teachers, and chapters across the state.

Long before I joined the Kentucky FFA Foundation Board of Trustees, they found success in fundraising to support the causes of the Kentucky FFA Association and the over 20,000 members. From literally passing a hat around an early meeting to hit a goal back in the late 1980's to reaching just over \$1,000,000 during Adam Hinton's leadership a few years ago. The efforts of this board, the tenaciousness and drive from our Executive Director, Sheldon McKinney, with the support of Ashley Weaver, Gift Administration Specialist, and now Ruth Ann Myers as Development Officer, the foundation found a new level of success raising over \$1,550,000 in 2022.

Success in fundraising means more students reap the benefits of those efforts. Whether that means more FFA jackets are provided to students, grants to fund a trip to the FFA Leadership Training Center or Washington Leadership Conference, Supervised Ag Experience grants are delivered to a greater number of young people, fully funding every competition held during State Convention, supporting new and returning teachers through Jeff Hayes' mentorship, or providing grants to chapters to fund larger projects for

an improved learning experience to all the students in ag education, your participation in these efforts provides that first taste of success to young people. And once they taste success, they will work even harder to make sure they don't lose access to that feeling in whatever form success takes on to the individual.

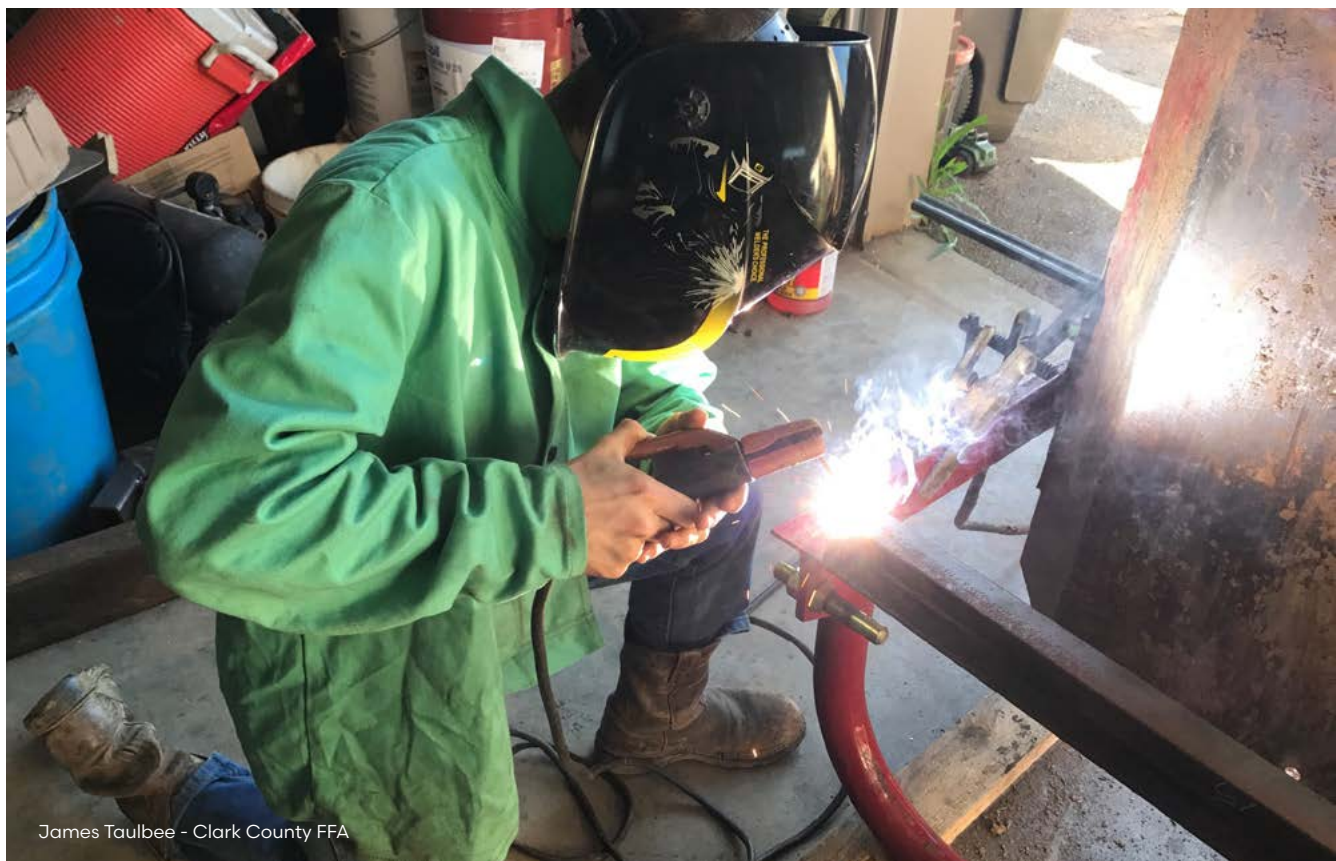
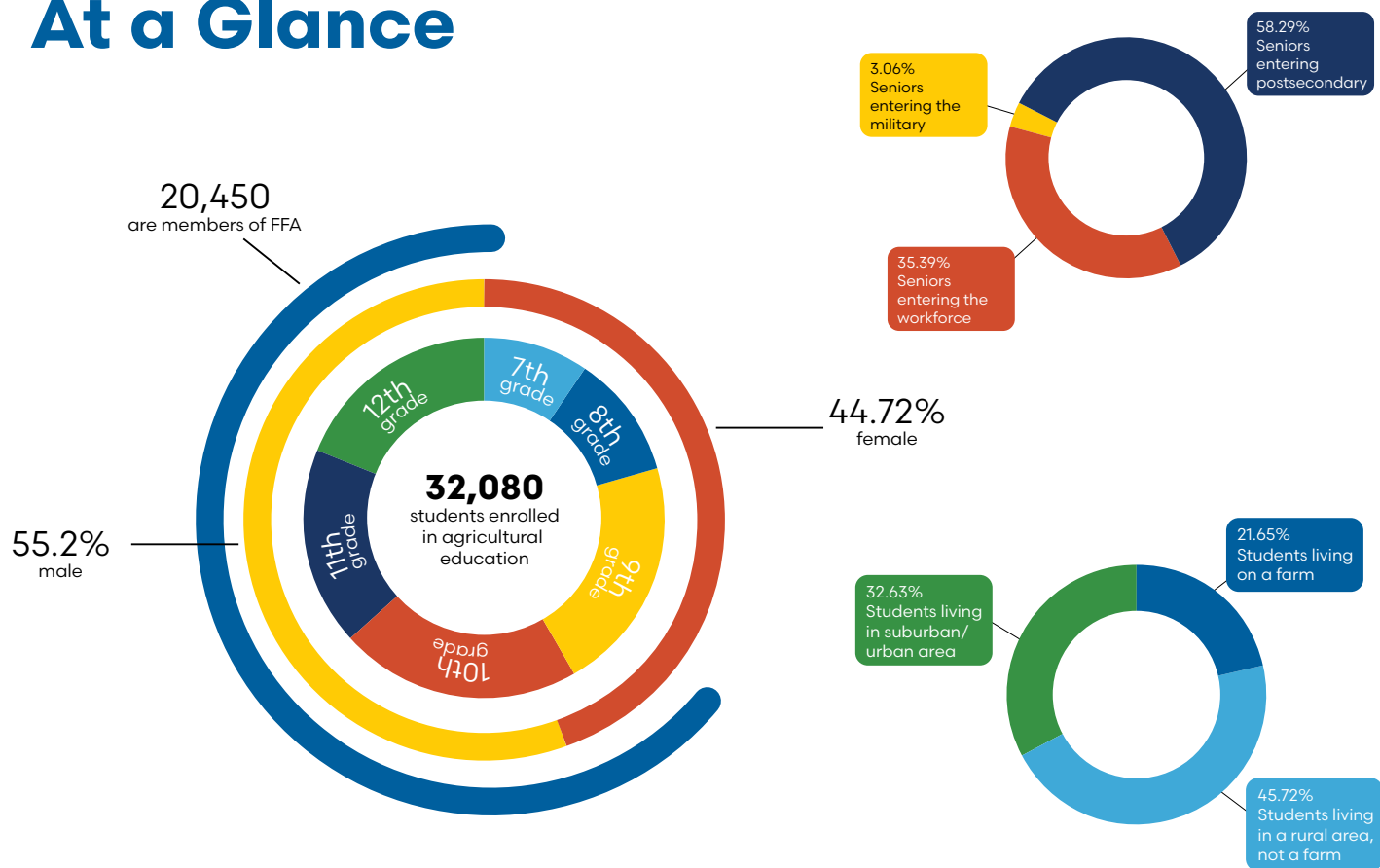
The board of trustees that stewards your gifts to young people are all hardworking, successful individuals in their own rights. It is an honor to serve with them and a challenge to keep up with their efforts on various fronts. This group takes pride in developing relationships with donors interested in supporting the Kentucky FFA Foundation and in turn supporting all those students in agriculture education and FFA.

On the topic of success, Gala 2022 was a resounding success both in funds raised and for the experience had by all those in attendance. Please make plans now to join us in the fall at Dant Crossing south of Bardstown for a night of fellowship, food, friends, fun, and fundraising that you aren't likely to be offered anywhere else.

Thank you for your support of students and FFA members. Thank you for your trust in the Kentucky FFA Foundation. The success these young people, their teachers, and the chapters have seen over the last year will only continue to grow due to your generosity and belief in the importance of educating, supporting and mentoring the next generation of leaders.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Koch'.

Kentucky FFA Members At a Glance



Board of Trustees

The Kentucky FFA Foundation relies on a board of volunteer leaders to help set the direction for its support of FFA members across the state. These members spend countless hours engaging stakeholders, building relationships with supporters, and keeping Foundation programs true to its mission of Growing Leaders, Building Communities, and Supporting Agriculture.

2022 brought quite a few changes to our board. We would like to say a huge thank-you to three board members who retired after each serving nine-year terms and welcome two new members who will be lending their unique abilities to our work.

Retiring in 2022



Sharon Burton

Columbia, KY
Farmer's Pride

"I think I gained a whole lot more than I gave by serving on the Foundation board. Working with that group of Kentucky ag leaders was a tremendous experience. Being part of the board at a time when we've seen astronomical growth in our ability to support youth - to more than a million dollars annually - that has just been a big blessing to be part of. There's nothing better than for young people to experience FFA, and being able to be part of that has been wonderful."



Charlie Edgington

Lexington, KY
Red Barn & Associates

"Everybody needs an opportunity to give back to FFA. During my time on the board, it's been amazing to see the quality of board members who have served. We've had some great leadership in both Sheldon and our presidents. They have brought a new level of the way a board is supposed to function, but it's also been fun. I'm delighted to have been able to serve."



Adam Hinton

Flemingsburg, KY
Hinton Mills

"It has been an honor to serve on the Kentucky FFA Foundation Board with so many amazing people. I am grateful for the opportunity I have had to serve FFA members, ag teachers, and schools across Kentucky. I truly believe the Kentucky FFA Foundation enriches the lives of others - and no doubt the friendships I've made and experiences I've had as part of this organization have enriched my life as well."

Joining in 2022



Dr. Mia Farrell

Lexington

Dr. Mia Farrell is the Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at the University of Kentucky CAFE. She is a UK and Murray State graduate, worked as an extension agent in Christian County and has a lot of experience with FFA throughout her career. She has been the National President of MANRRS for several years. She's often a speaker and a trusted voice for Diversity and Inclusion in agriculture.



Terry Ashby

Lexington/Hopkinsville

Terry Ashby was active in FFA at Hopkinsville High School and attended the University of Kentucky where he graduated with a degree in agricultural economics. After graduation, Terry joined Perdue farms, where he had a 41-year career spanning every aspect of the poultry business. He has been a leader and advocate for Forever Blue giving.

Continuing Trustees



Nick Carter

Lexington

Nick Carter is a retired energy company executive with a passion for FFA, which he credits for giving him a successful start in life. He uses his vast leadership experience to serve on a variety of boards, including the University of Kentucky FarmHouse Fraternity Board, Community Trust Bancorp, Alliance Resources Partners and the Board of Tacoma Resources, LTD. Nick was a Kentucky FFA State Sentinel, from the Hustonville FFA Chapter.



Matt Chaliff

Mt. Vernon

Matt Chaliff is the Executive Secretary of the Kentucky FFA Association and Agricultural Education Consultant for the Kentucky Department of Education. He is a former Kentucky FFA state officer and agriculture teacher. His leadership and guidance has moved Kentucky FFA and agricultural education in Kentucky forward.

2022 Kentucky FFA Foundation Board of Trustees



Brandon Davis

Frankfort

Brandon Davis serves as the Kentucky FFA Advisor and the State Supervisor of Agriculture Education. He's a former state FFA officer and agriculture teacher. Brandon is a visionary for Kentucky agricultural education. He serves on the National FFA Board of Directors representing the Eastern region of the National Association of Supervisors of Agricultural Education.



Kirby Green

Owensboro

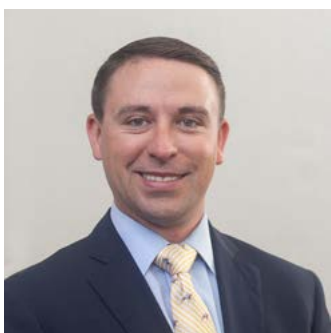
Kirby Green is a Top Producer Account Manager for Bayer. She is a past Kentucky FFA State President and also spent time as a high school agriculture teacher. Kirby is excellent at building relationships and making connections that benefit Kentucky FFA. She also serves as a mentor to several former state officers and is the host of a professional development podcast called Sharpen.



John Hammond

Bardstown

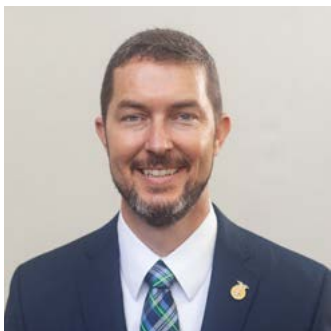
John Hammond is an agriculture teacher at Thomas Nelson High School in Bardstown, KY. He is a well presented teacher of agriculture and shares the perspective of agricultural educators as the past President of the Kentucky Association of Agricultural Educators



Kyle Kelly

Owenton

Kyle Kelly is the Director of Public Affairs for the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation. He's a former Owen County FFA member and currently farms in his hometown. Kyle uses his expertise in building relationships to elevate Kentucky FFA and he's a tremendous advocate for FFA in Frankfort and communities across the Commonwealth.



Anthony Koch

Paris

Chairman of the Kentucky FFA Foundation, Anthony Koch is the Director of Sales & Marketing for Hallway Feeds, providing feeds exclusively to the equine industry. Anthony has worked to develop feeding programs for farms and race trainers domestically and internationally and worked with the past two Triple Crown winners. He is a former Kentucky FFA State Officer and a positive advocate for FFA to the equine industry around the world.



Ashley Macy

Louisville

Ashley Macy is a Relationship Manager with CoBank, primarily working with cooperatives across the country. A former FFA member and Indiana native, Ashley helps Kentucky FFA make new connections and stronger relationships with many sponsors and donors.



Dr. Mike McDermott

Richmond

Dr. Mike McDermott is an associate professor of agriculture at Eastern Kentucky University. His teaching duties include agricultural power and Career & Technical Education/Ag Education. With more than 37 years of teaching experience at the secondary and post-secondary levels, he still enjoys the art of teaching in the classroom.



Myron Moore

Frankfort

Myron Moore is the Chief Compliance Officer for Expre Credit Union. He is a former Kentucky FFA State Officer and agriculture teacher. He serves on the board as a representative of the Kentucky FFA Alumni Association.



Quint Pottinger

New Haven

Quint Pottinger is a former Kentucky FFA president and a full time corn & soybean farmer in Nelson County. Quint is a passionate advocate for agriculture and developing young farmers at home and abroad. He serves on several boards and is a leader in the grain industry in Kentucky and around the country.



Keelan Pulliam

Danville

Keelan Pulliam is the owner and President of Pulliam & Associates Consulting. He is retired from Syngenta where he last served as President of Syngenta Flowers North America. Keelan is a former Kentucky FFA State Officer and an avid supporter of FFA and youth development.

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Clint Quarles

Georgetown

Clint Quarles is Staff Attorney for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and has practiced agriculture law at KDA for the past 15 years. Clint also teaches an Ag Law course at the University of Kentucky and farms in Scott and Fayette Counties. He was a member of the Scott County FFA.



Mary Beth Shackelford

Trenton

Mary Beth Shackelford is a Farm Loan Officer with the USDA Farm Service Agency based in Hopkinsville. An American FFA Degree recipient who is passionate about the agriculture industry.



JR Shinkle

Verona

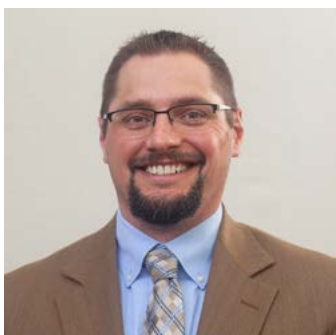
JR Shinkle is a trusted and connected farm equipment dealer with Wright Implement. He is a former Kentucky FFA State Officer who is passionate about the difference FFA makes in students' lives.



Billy Ray Smith

Bowling Green

Billy Ray Smith is the former Commissioner of Agriculture in Kentucky and also the Executive Director Emeritus of the Kentucky FFA Foundation. He has been a lifelong servant to the agricultural community.

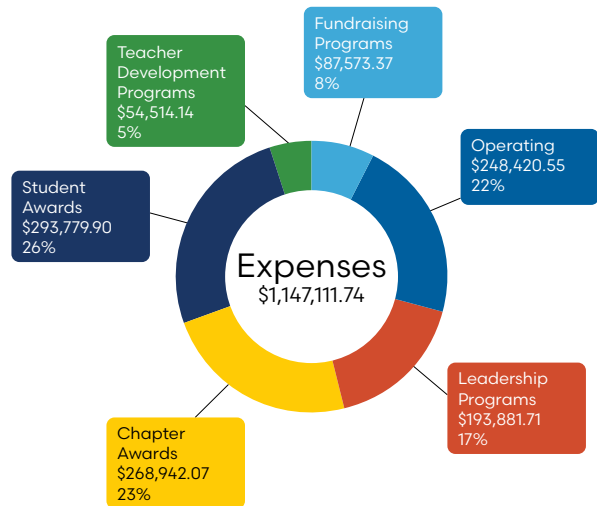
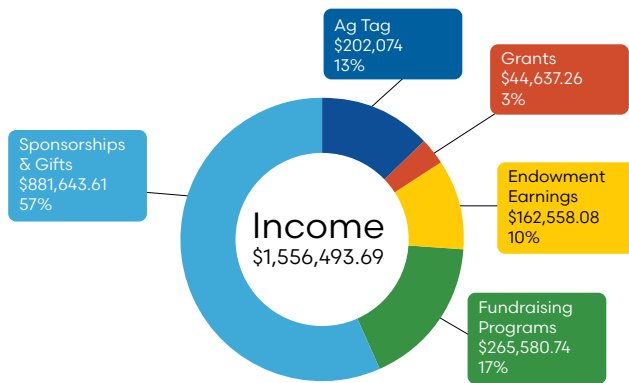


Jackson Tolle

Maysville

Jackson Tolle serves as the Director of Young Farmer Programs for Kentucky Farm Bureau. Jackson is a former FFA member who has worked in agricultural education. Jackson and his family are also premier cattle producers with T&S Farms. He sits in an appointed position for Kentucky Farm Bureau.

Income & Expenses



We transferred \$417,000 to the Forever Blue Endowment in 2022.

Statement of Financial Position

Beginning Assets on 12/31/21 **\$ 6,447,125.30**

Current Assets

Cash on Hand	\$ 490,663.61
Collectibles Inventory (knives)	\$ 2,625.00
Accounts Receivable	\$ 1,750.00
Total Current Assets	\$ 495,038.61

Invested Assets

LEAD Endowment	\$ 4,691,680.16
Forever Blue Endowment	\$ 1,260,406.53
Total Invested Assets	\$ 5,952,086.69

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$ 12,090.42
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Ending Assets on 12/31/2022 **\$ 6,435,034.88**



Awards presentation at 2022 Kentucky FFA State Convention

Impact

Putting funds into the hands of FFA members and agriculture teachers is central to our mission at the Kentucky FFA Foundation.

We give grants for members to get the experience of owning their own FFA jacket, to start or expand their SAE projects, to attend leadership experiences, and for ag programs to upgrade their equipment, facilities and teaching tools.

As you can see, these grants are growing leaders, building communities, and strengthening agriculture across the Commonwealth.



Jacket Grant
Savannah Smith
Anderson County

\$500
SAE Grant
Aidan Griffith
Boyle County Middle School

Aiden plans to expand his poultry SAE to include another species - hair sheep. He will purchase care and feeding equipment to get his flock off to a good start.



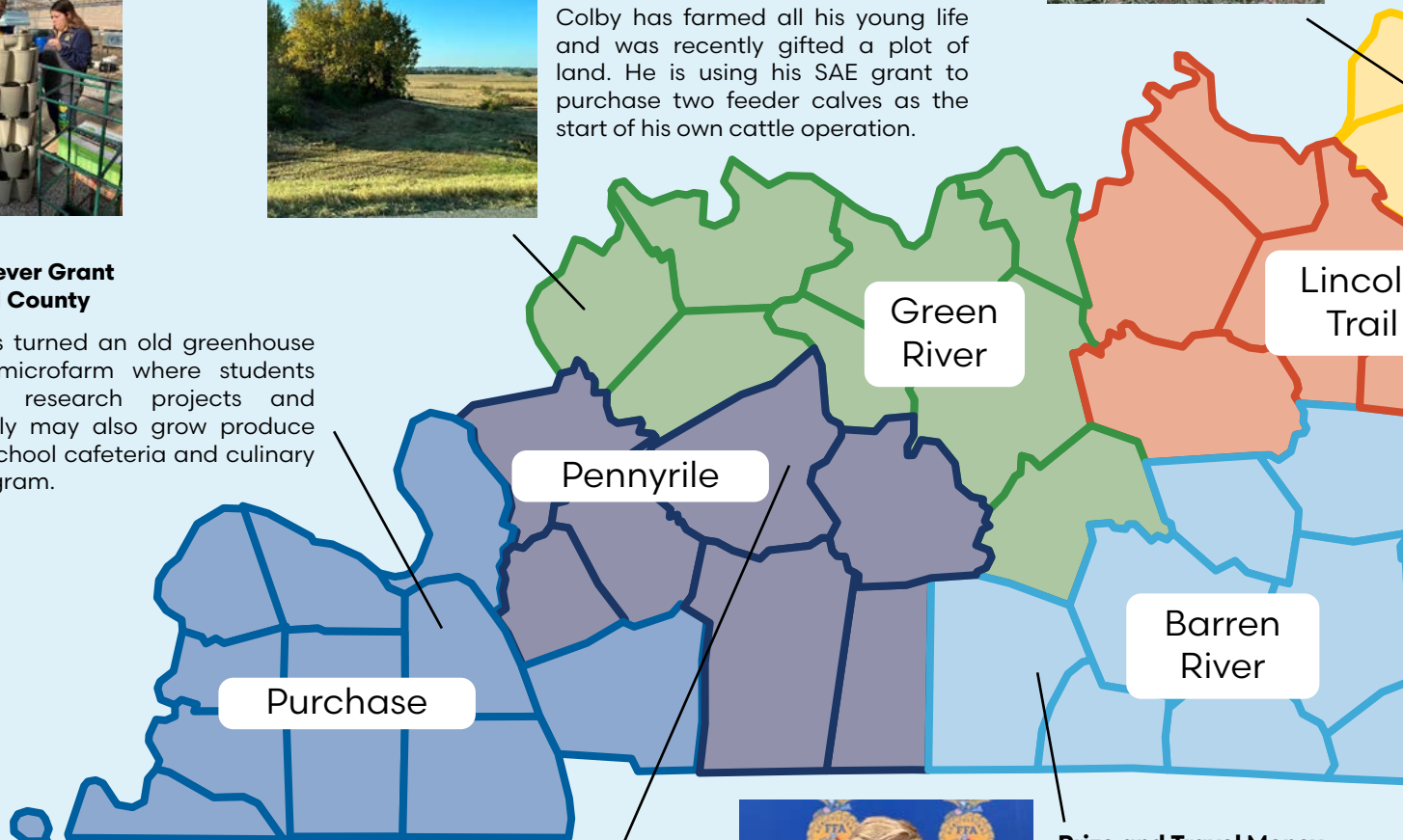
\$500
SAE Grant
Colby Adamson
Union County

Colby has farmed all his young life and was recently gifted a plot of land. He is using his SAE grant to purchase two feeder calves as the start of his own cattle operation.



\$5,000
Ag Achiever Grant
Marshall County

Teachers turned an old greenhouse into a microfarm where students conduct research projects and eventually may also grow produce for the school cafeteria and culinary arts program.



\$500
SAE Grant
Madisonville North Hopkins

Brenna Sherman is expanding her 9 dairy goat SAE to begin offering goat milk soap.



Prize and Travel Money
for Creed Speaking
Contest Winners
Barren River Region

Prize money and travel provided to all our winners, like Carter Woosley, a national top 10 creed-speaking finalist.



\$500
SAE Grant
Wilson Barnes
Harrison County

Wilson plans to add a new dimension to his sheep SAE by purchasing a wool wether lamb to show.



\$5,000
Shark Tank Grant
Laney Pease: Sweet Pease Berries & Bouquets
Fleming County

"Over Christmas break I have been working on my floral trailer. I have been going over my layout and figuring out where everything will go. When I bought this trailer the previous owners had the sides and floor covered in plywood, so I had to get all of that out. Next step is to sand blast it!"



Jacket Grant
Jaden Ison
Elliott County

Kentucky FFA awards more than 160 FFA jacket scholarships each year.



\$1,000
WLC Scholarship
Cecelia Rogers
Nelson County High School

The Kentucky FFA Foundation sends 15 students annually on full scholarship to the Washington Leadership Conference.



\$3,000
Ag Achiever Grant
Taylor County High School

Small Engines for Excellence - give students access to industry-current tools to learn more about careers in ag mechanics.



\$5,000
Ag Innovation Grant
Bell County

The grant helped fund coops for the program's egg production program.



Above: Benjamin Williams as a high school sophomore, presenting his Shark Tank grant idea to the judges.

Left: Benjamin as the 2022-2023 Kentucky FFA President, donated and served ice cream at our 2022 Blue & Gold Gala. A full-circle moment where our donors saw the direct impact of their gifts!

Supporting Young Entrepreneurs

Shark Tank & SAE Grants

Benjamin Williams was a student who saw the struggles of Kentucky's dairy industry and decided to do something about it. Now he's the State President of Kentucky FFA.

Entrepreneurial grants are central to our mission of growing leaders. We believe that young people who are supported in their growth will be the ones who will strengthen their communities and grow agriculture in the very near future.

Benjamin Williams was only a sophomore at Nelson County High School when he decided to turn his desire to help Kentucky's dairy

producers into an ice-cream truck focused on selling locally-produced product.

He was so determined to make his vision a reality that he purchased and started refurbishing an ice cream truck before he was even old enough to drive it.

When he applied for a Shark Tank grant from our Foundation, his parents drove the truck up from Bardstown to Lexington so Ben

A Great Investment

The Kentucky FFA Foundation awarded **\$94,000** in grants for agricultural entrepreneurs in 2022. FFA members earned more than **\$13.8 million** through SAE projects in 2022.

could let the judges sample his wares. They were so impressed, they awarded him \$5,000 to continue working toward his goal.

Just three short years later, Ben is not only running a successful small business, but his drive and leadership skills landed him the office of 2022-2023 Kentucky State FFA President.

It's young leaders like Ben who we want to support with programs like our Shark Tank and SAE grants. If we can give those students

an opportunity to grow and build their leadership skills, confidence in themselves, and business acumen, we know the future will be in good hands.



2022 Give FFA Day



Each year we designate the Thursday of FFA Week as Give FFA Day - 24 hours to raise as much as we can to support Kentucky FFA members through Shark Tank and SAE grants.

Thanks to the support of **112 donors** and a matching gift from Owensboro Grain, we raised **\$22,930** that was used for entrepreneurial grants for our members.



Owensboro Grain matched all 2022 Give FFA Day donations!

2022 Shark Tank Grant Recipients



Anlen Bobbyack, Rowan County
Fur at Five Oaks Dog Grooming

Laney Pease, Fleming County
Sweet Pease Berries and Bouquets

Kaden Bowles, Carlisle County
Woodworking and Furniture Building Business

During 2022's State FFA Convention, six finalists presented their business plan to a panel of judges in a quest to earn a Shark Tank Grant.

Three members impressed the judges enough that they were each awarded \$5,000 grants!

2022-2023

Kentucky State FFA Officers



Benjamin Williams

State President
Nelson County



Emma Sherman

State Vice President
Scott County



Madyson Planck

State Secretary
Nicholas County



Miles Frailey

State Treasurer
Webster County



Waylon Wood

State Reporter
McCracken County



Leslie Monhollen

State Sentinel
Whitley County



Danyale Atwell

Barren River
State Vice President
Edmonson County



Will Bonta

Lake Cumberland
State Vice President
Green County



Maggie Goode

Pennyrite State Vice President
Hopkinsville



Casey Montgomery

Capital City
State Vice President
Spencer County



Tristen Sexton

Big Sandy River
State Vice President
East Carter



Madiline Strain

Northern Kentucky
State Vice President
Simon Kenton

Former State FFA President Bill Gatton Gives Largest Single Gift in History of Kentucky FFA Foundation

Endowment has created Bill Gatton Kentucky FFA State Officer Leadership Scholarship Program



Kentucky native and philanthropist Bill Gatton is well-known for supporting many causes benefitting a huge number of people from all walks of life. His 2022 gift to the Kentucky FFA Foundation has a connection to a much earlier time in his own history - 72 years ago when he was the State President of Kentucky FFA.

FFA seems almost to have been made for Gatton, who was raised on a farm in Western Kentucky. His entrepreneurial ventures began at age 8 when he started raising and selling an acre of watermelons every year.

Gatton innately had an "earning to live, living to serve" mentality, which has led him to donate so generously over the years.

"When I was 30, I thought I just might retire at 40. When I was 40, I decided I'd wait to 50. When I reached 50, I decided to delay retirement until I was 60. At 60, I realized I would never retire. Why? I do not want more money for myself, but I do desire to continue to work to earn money to support worthwhile endeavors, and I also believe active people live longer," he said.

Gatton's \$300,000 gift will be endowed through the Kentucky FFA Foundation's Forever Blue Endowment Fund. Earnings from the endowment will allow Kentucky State FFA Officers to attend The Summit, an annual leadership training held in Washington D.C. with state FFA Officers from across the nation.

Gatton's gift will help Kentucky State FFA Officers continue their development, helping them continue the long tradition of state FFA Officers who have gone on to become leaders in their communities, in business, and across the nation. In fact, U.S. Congressman James Comer's very first trip to Washington, D.C. was as a Kentucky State FFA President, a position he and Gatton held in common.

"Bill Gatton is one of Kentucky's most successful businessmen and most generous philanthropists," said Representative Comer.

"He never forgot his farm roots in Muhlenberg County and just made the largest individual donation in the history of the Kentucky FFA Foundation so he could help other young farm kids also achieve great things."

"It was a pleasure for me to have served as the Kentucky State FFA President many years ago," said Gatton in the letter that came with his gift. "From my personal experience, I know the FFA is an important activity in the lives of many Kentucky youth."

It is an honor and privilege to steward Mr. Gatton's gift and see that his vision of developing leaders through Kentucky FFA continues.

"From my personal experience, I know the FFA is an important activity in the lives of many Kentucky youth."

-Bill Gatton

Supporting Teachers

Agriculture teachers are the key to providing agriculture students opportunities to grow into successful leaders.

We support teachers not only by providing grants through which they can improve their facilities and equipment, but through professional development opportunities.

If they are supported in their professional growth, they can help students grow as well.



Kentucky Ag Ed Strategic Planning

We helped bring stakeholders to the table so leaders from several groups have the opportunity to set priorities and meet needs for the next 3-5 years in Kentucky communities and ag classrooms. Stakeholders include the Kentucky FFA Association, Kentucky FFA Alumni, Kentucky Association of Agricultural Educators, professors from all agricultural education programs at five state universities, and the Kentucky Young Farmers Association.



Mentor Teacher Program

This program pairs a first-year agriculture teacher with an experienced teacher in their FFA region. We provide guidance and topics for monthly check-ins and travel stipends for in-person school visits. Mentoring provides guidance, support and a shoulder to lean on to teachers who are new to the classroom or new to our state. To date, more than **150 teachers** have been mentored.



Kentucky Master Agriculture Teacher Program

A two-year professional development program for agriculture teachers who have completed at least five years in the classroom, KMAT participants receive training around the core principles of authentic leadership, being a student-focused educator, advocacy with a purpose, and growth by mentorship.



Professional Development Workshops

We are proud to fund the state's agriculture program development specialist, Mr. Jeff Hayes.

In addition to visiting teachers in their classrooms, he also hosts specialized professional development trainings. These could look like a one day course on veterinary medicine labs or a training on how to break down an engine. These trainings give teachers hands-on skills they can readily implement in their classrooms.

Teacher Awards and Training

With the sponsorship of iCEV we give a variety of professional awards to teachers.



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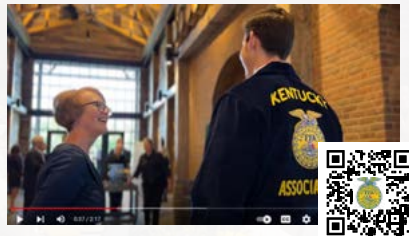


Blue & Gold Gala

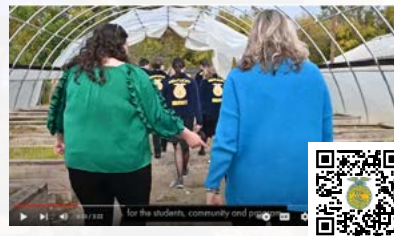
Our 2022 Blue & Gold Gala was a spectacular event. We had a sell-out crowd, an incredible auction, and we sold all 500 of our Gator Raffle tickets!

We raised a net of **\$187,444**. Those funds are being used to support travel for FFA chapters impacted by the 2022 flooding in Eastern Kentucky, provide scholarships to Washington Leadership Conference, FFA Camp scholarships, jacket grants, and so much more.

Video: 2022 Blue & Gold Gala



Video: Breathitt County Flood Relief



**Save the Date! 2023 Blue & Gold Gala - September 23, 2023
Dant Crossing, Bardstown**

Blue & Gold Gala

Kentucky FFA Foundation | September 10, 2022 | Dant Crossing

Gator Raffle



We offered 500 gator raffle tickets for sale this year, the proceeds of which all went to fund raising efforts for the Blue & Gold Gala.

The winner of the 2022 Gator Raffle was Kim Bussell from Cincinnati, Ohio. Kim bought a ticket when her friend, who has children in Kentucky FFA, shared our social media post.

Thank you to Wright Implement for making this raffle possible by donating the Gator!



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Kentucky Venues

David Williams

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Kentucky Cattlemen's Association

Kentucky Pork Producers

Anthony & Jill Koch

Nelson County Farm Bureau

Billy Ray Smith

University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources Alumni



Breathitt County FFA was one of the chapters who received a scholarship to travel to the National FFA Convention thanks to funds raised during the gala. Their community experienced devastating flooding in July that greatly impacted their school and many of the students.

2022

State Stars

The state star program recognizes outstanding achievement in members' SAE projects by awarding the State Star Farmer, State Star in Agribusiness, and the State Star in Placement. These are the highest state-level recognitions for Kentucky FFA members, and recognize both career and leadership development.

State Star Farmer

Lyndsey Garrett
Nicholas County

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to watch videos
highlighting our
stars!



Lyndsey Garrett has worked hard and experienced a lot of success as a result of her diversified livestock production SAE and she hopes to use her choice of future profession to give back to agriculture.



Thanks to Tarter Farm & Ranch for
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State Star in Agribusiness

Katherine Woodward
Logan County

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Katherine Woodward turned an interest in honey bees into a thriving business that includes a store where she sells local products and her fellow chapter members' SAE projects as well as an annual festival. Her work is having a positive impact on her fellow FFA members and her community.



State Star in Placement

Braden Compton
Meade County

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Farming is a family affair for Meade County FFA member Braden Compton. Taking an active role in his family's farm has led Braden to finding his career path and his lifelong passion.



Forever Blue Donors

To be part of our Forever Blue endowment program, donors must give at least \$10,000. They can choose to endow specific Kentucky FFA programs and events or give to benefit a local FFA chapter. The Forever Blue Endowment allows donors to design a legacy that meaningfully benefits their own communities and pays tribute to the things they have found most impactful about Kentucky FFA.



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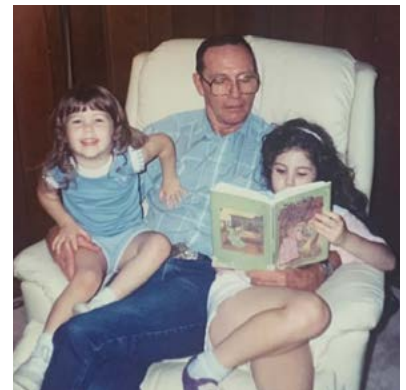
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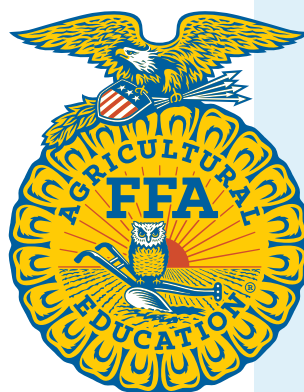
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These donors have made plans to give to the Kentucky FFA Foundation through their estate.

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New in 2022

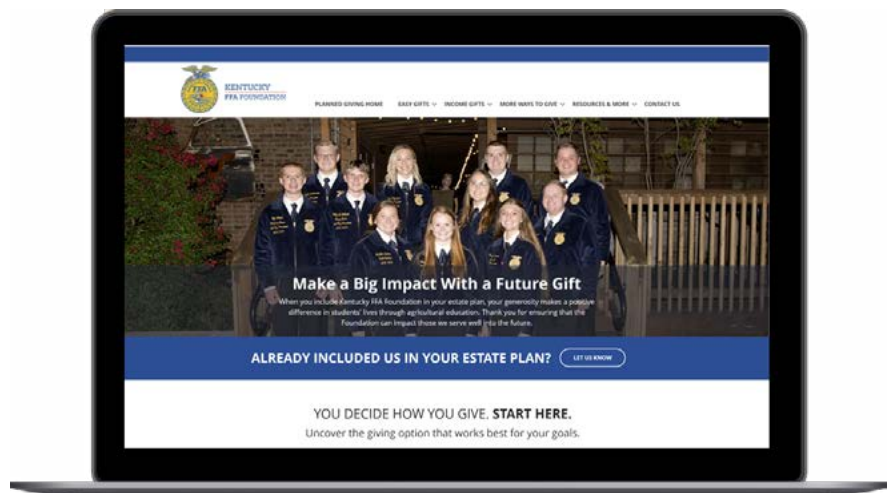
Legacy Planning Tools

The Foundation invests in a website to help donors uncover the giving option that works best for their goals.

With just a few clicks, anyone now has access to useful tools to help them plan their legacy.

The Foundation's new "Plan My Gift" tools on kyffa.org include an estate planning kit, sample language for leaving gifts through wills, writing a legacy letter, blended giving and more.

The goal is to make legacy planning resources readily available, removing some of the anxiety that can come with thinking about how to make an impact with what you've worked so hard to build.



To access these tools visit kyffa.org and click on "Plan My Gift" in the top menu.

2022 State FFA Convention

FFA members from across the state convened in Lexington for our first fully in-person state FFA convention in three years. For approximately 90 percent of members attending, it was their first state FFA convention.

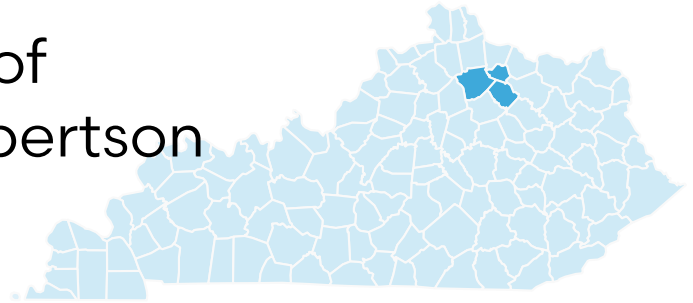
Attendees made connections, received recognition, and explored their opportunities as leaders in the future of Kentucky agriculture.



Cultivating Locally-Targeted Giving

James and Martha Brown Charitable Foundation

Gives \$300,000 in support of Harrison, Nicholas and Robertson County FFA Chapters



James and Martha Brown were long-time residents and business leaders in Cynthiana. They owned numerous businesses including nursing homes, banks, shopping centers, restaurants, retail stores and Brown's Ambulance Service. They created the James A. and Martha R. Brown Charitable Foundation after their deaths as a way to repay the community for their success.

One way they chose to do that was to give the Kentucky FFA Foundation an endowed gift of \$100,000 each to help support the FFA chapters in Harrison, Nicholas, and Robertson counties.

This generous gift means that those chapters will each have about \$5,000 in additional funding every year in perpetuity. The goal of the gift was to help students become leaders and entrepreneurs.



"This money will be used to shape our students into future leaders that will not only impact agriculture, but will impact all aspects of our community."

-Frank Gifford
Robertson County Ag Teacher

"It's great to know that people outside our school walls see the value and benefits that FFA programs offer to students in our area," said Frank Gifford, the agriculture teacher at Robertson County School. "This generous donation will positively impact countless Robertson County ag students for many years to come."

"The Kentucky FFA Foundation's Forever Blue program is growing because it's proven to be a sustainable solution for long-term philanthropic impact," said Sheldon McKinney, executive director of the Kentucky FFA Foundation. "It helps donors make a difference long after they are gone while the Kentucky FFA Foundation ensures the investment and use. It's an honor and privilege to facilitate these gifts."

Ways to Give

Gifts of Cash

The majority of gifts to the Kentucky FFA Foundation are in the form of cash. If you itemize your tax deductions, you may claim as a charitable deduction a cash gift of up to 50 percent of your adjusted gross income.

Gifts of Securities

Gifts of appreciated securities can provide special tax advantages: you may completely avoid capital gains taxes; and the fair market value of the stock may be claimed as a charitable deduction on your income tax, up to 30 percent of adjusted gross income for those who itemize, with a five-year carryover.

The simplest way to make a gift of stock is to instruct your broker or banker to transfer it to the Kentucky FFA Foundation. The broker should then contact the Kentucky FFA Foundation for further instructions.

Gifts of Real Estate

Gifts of homes, farms, and other real property can receive the same tax treatment as gifts of securities: no capital gains tax plus deductibility at fair market value. If this is appealing to you, please make plans to discuss intent and restrictions with the Kentucky FFA Foundation.

Gifts of Life Insurance

When you name the Kentucky FFA Foundation as the owner and sole beneficiary of a life insurance policy, you receive an immediate income tax charitable deduction for the lesser of the policy's fair market value or the net premiums paid. Premiums you pay later are also tax deductible.

Memorial & Honor Gifts

You may designate gifts to remember or honor a relative or friend for a specific purpose, or you may allow the Foundation to use such gifts for general support. Acknowledgment will be made to the family of the deceased if the name and address of the closest survivor is provided.

Matching Gifts

Some are able to increase their gift to the Kentucky FFA Foundation by employer matching. If your employer has such a program, your gift may be multiplied once, twice, or even three times. Usually, your employer's personnel department can provide information about a matching gift program and forms to send with contributions.

Estate & Planned Gifts

Although outright gifts provide valuable support for current programs, estate giving provides substantial support for future programs. This form of giving is particularly suitable if you desire to make a larger gift through your estate rather than in your lifetime. The allowable estate tax deduction for charitable gifts remain unlimited under the new tax laws.

Wills

The most common form of an estate gift to the Kentucky FFA Foundation is a specific bequest in a will. You should arrange to draft your will with your attorney. Foundation staff are available upon request to confer with you and your attorney in drafting the appropriate bequest clauses.

Gifts in Trust

If you wish to receive income during your life and at the same time provide a significant gift to the Kentucky FFA Foundation, you should consider establishing a charitable remainder trust, that is, a life income trust.

Gifts-in-Kind

Another way to support the Foundation is through gifts of tangible personal property.



Seth Carr - Franklin County FFA

2022 DONORS

5-Star



Gifts over \$25,000



James & Martha Brown
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Nick Carter

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\$10,000-\$24,999



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2022 Middle School Quiz Bowl Competition

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