



[KENTUCKY **FFA**

FOUNDATION

2024 ANNUAL
REPORT



DEAR FRIENDS OF OUR ORGANIZATION,

When I take a moment to reflect on 2024, it will be remembered as a year of explosive growth for Kentucky FFA and for me, as Executive Director, a year of witnessing full circle moments that shine a light on the incredible work the Foundation does because of donor and sponsor support.

One of our proudest achievements was the launch of our podcast, "Growing Kentucky's Leaders." We have featured inspiring stories and insights from our students, alumni, and partners. This platform has allowed us to amplify the voices of the people impacted by a blue corduroy jacket. It's been heartwarming to hear guest after guest recount the ways that FFA has influenced their life.

This wasn't our only new project in 2024. Our team launched Kentucky FFA Works, a career matching service for graduating FFA members and corporate partners. We are committed to helping agricultural education meet Kentucky's agriculture workforce needs. It's a monumental project partners have told us is desperately needed.

With the support of folks like you, we had an incredible Kentucky FFA State Convention, a record-breaking Blue & Gold Gala, and a record-breaking year for the Ag Tag program! Because of this, we gave more to FFA members and chapters than ever before.

Kentucky FFA grew by 10% in membership and we added 6 brand new FFA chapters. We've done incredible work and the need continues to grow.

There are real challenges we are addressing. We began the school year with a shortage of qualified agriculture teachers, an urgent and pressing problem that we must address. The requests of support from students in the form of WLC Scholarships and Jacket or SAE Launch Grants keeps growing. In addition, we are adding more Leadership & Career Development events for students and they need real dollars to make them happen.

We know it matters. What we grow in Kentucky FFA grows the future of agriculture, our communities and our world. We remain committed to doing our part in that inspiring task.

Thank you for being a part of our journey.



Sheldon McKinney
Executive Director
Kentucky FFA Foundation



VISION

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



The Kentucky FFA Foundation is a 501c3, established in 1987. Our Tax ID is 61-1126081.

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DEAR SUPPORTERS,

At mid-year I will finish my two-year term as Chair of the KY FFA Foundation, the best job I ever had in a lifetime of great jobs.

I wish every person who has any passion for FFA, or for training the next generation of leaders, or developing young entrepreneurs or who has a passion for agriculture could have the opportunity to chair the Foundation. I wish you could witness the passion our staff has for the work we do (and the work we can do, in the future, with your help). I wish you could experience the joy in watching people freely give of their treasures because they truly believe in our mission - growing leaders, building communities, and strengthening agriculture. I wish you could see the joy in a student's whole countenance when they finish their first speech and win a prize, or when they populate their first beehive, or buy their first bottle calf, or start an agriculture podcast, or make their first motion in a parliamentary procedure contest.

If you have witnessed those things then it's a good bet that you are a supporter. It's a better bet that if you get to experience that joy for the first time, you will become a supporter with your time, talent, treasure or all three!

We have much work to do. Ag Education and FFA are

rapidly growing. We add schools and chapters each year. This means we have more opportunities to meet the challenges created by our own successes. We need more agriculture teachers, more resources, more contests, more opportunities and experiences and more volunteers. More, more, more!

As I leave the chair, I can absolutely promise you that philanthropy (especially philanthropy around FFA) is the most fun you'll ever have. It's more fun than golf, or pickleball, or finishing harvest, or selling high priced cattle.

I chose to pay back to FFA because I firmly believe that the greatest need in America is leadership informed by rural values; faith, honesty, hard work, and the American dream, "better days through better ways."

I hope you will join me as we move forward. Let's have another record year. You can change a student's life.

Sincerely,



Nick Carter
Chair, Kentucky FFA Foundation Board of Trustees



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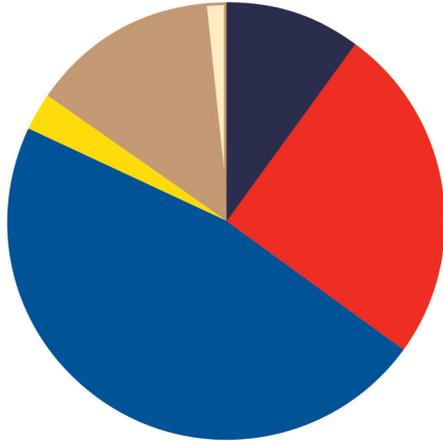


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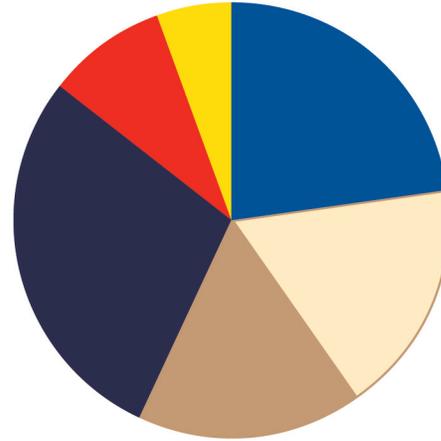
2024 Kentucky FFA Foundation Financials

INCOME \$1,742,330.83



- Ag Tag - 18%
- Sponsorships & Gifts - 43%
- LEAD Endowment Income - 8%
- Forever Blue Endowment Income - 5%
- Fundraising Programs - 24%
- Grants - 2%

EXPENSES \$1,458,617.23



- Chapter Awards - 23%
- Student Awards - 18%
- Leadership Programs - 16%
- Operations & Communications - 29%
- Fundraising Expenses - 9%
- Teacher Development & Support - 5%

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Beginning Assets on 12/31/23 **\$7,011,755.36**

Current Assets

Cash on hand	\$414,402.45
Invested short term assets	\$212,093.19
PayPal	\$1,000.00
Accounts Receivable	\$0
Total Current Assets	\$627,495.64

Invested Assets

LEAD Endowment	\$5,376,725.47
Forever Blue Endowment	\$1,704,739.03
Total Invested Assets	\$7,081,464.50

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$0
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Ending Assets on 12/31/2024 **\$7,708,960.14**

The KY Ag Development Fund gave \$2,200,000 to the Kentucky FFA Foundation in 2002. That investment has grown and is a firm foundation with which we have positively impacted FFA members across the Commonwealth for two decades.



\$107,869 was transferred to the Forever Blue Endowment in 2024.

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION IN KENTUCKY

Where our students live

22%

Farm

46%

Rural/Non-Farm

32%

Suburban/Urban

34,431

students enrolled grades 6-12



182 High School Programs

32 Middle School Programs

321 Teachers of Agriculture



FFA IN KENTUCKY

23,551

Kentucky FFA members

212

FFA Chapters

67.8%

of students enrolled in agricultural education have a Supervised Agricultural Education project.

16,820+ total SAE Projects

\$13,261,183+ earnings from SAE projects

1,899,732 hours worked (paid and nonpaid) in SAE projects

In 2024 the Kentucky FFA Foundation gave **\$107,000** in grants to allow students to expand their SAE projects.



2024-2025 KENTUCKY FFA STATE OFFICERS



Trenton Page
State President
Adair County



Avery Cole
State Vice President
South Warren



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Muhlenberg County



Ty Elrod
Purchase
State Vice President
Marshall County



The 2024-2025 Kentucky FFA State Officer Team is a dynamic group of student leaders dedicated to advancing agricultural education and leadership across the state.

2024 STATE STARS

The state star program honors exceptional achievement of FFA members' Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects, awarding the prestigious titles of State Star Farmer, State Star in Agribusiness, and State Star in Agricultural Placement. These awards represent the highest achievement in Kentucky FFA, celebrating members who demonstrate career advancement, outstanding leadership, and dedication to the agriculture industry.

Special thanks
to Tarter USA for
producing video
highlights of our stars.

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watch.



STATE STAR FARMER

Riley Pierce, Southwestern Pulaski

Riley, a ninth-generation farmer, began his SAE by cultivating soybeans and rye while raising cattle and Katahdin sheep in partnership with his brother. He also offers custom harvesting services to farmers in his area.

In 2023, Riley had 387 acres of soybeans, 38 head of cattle, and 215 head of sheep. He has exchanged labor with his father for use of equipment and has secured several loans to help expand his operation. Riley learned to make operational and management decisions to advance his crop and livestock production while increasing efficiency.

Riley is the son of Chris and Rebekah Pierce of Science Hill. His FFA advisors are Chris McDonald and Mallory Crisologo.



STATE STAR IN AGRIBUSINESS

Carsen Thompson, Green County

Carsen began Cave Branch Implement in 2021 by selling parts from a used disc mower he disassembled. In 2022, he began buying used farm equipment to tear down and sell for parts. He has an online store through which he has sold parts to customers in 35 states. He also sells locally, and has a partnership with a local implement dealer to supply inventory.

Carsen is the son of Sam and Jennifer Thompson of Greensburg. His FFA advisors are James Bonta and Samantha Gaddie.



STATE STAR IN AGRICULTURAL PLACEMENT

Caleb Canada, Whitley County

Caleb has worked at Moonlight Meat Processing in Williamsburg since 2022. He has been involved in all aspects of the business, including processing animals, preparing and packaging meats and meat products, and managing retail sales. Through this experience he has gained valuable skills in meat science, customer service, and business operations.

Working in a food processing facility requires focus on cleanliness and food safety as well as adherence to government guidelines. Caleb has demonstrated strong leadership and attention to detail in maintaining these standards, which contributed to his recent promotion to assistant plant manager.

Caleb is the son of Wendell and Jessica Canada of Williamsburg. His FFA advisor is Brian Prewitt.



OUR STRATEGIC PLAN

In 2023, the Kentucky FFA Foundation took the lead in a partnership to prepare a strategic plan for Kentucky agricultural education. The result was a forward-looking guide to help create programs that meet the needs of Kentucky agriculture students. The plan has five core strategies. Here's a snapshot of how we worked in each of these areas in 2024.

1. Align with industry and community needs.

KY FFA Works.

Kentucky FFA Works leverages the collective strength of more than 6,000 senior FFA members across the state, providing

employers with access to a talented pool of candidates eager to begin their professional journeys.

One of the key features of Kentucky FFA Works is its streamlined application process, which empowers students to apply to multiple career opportunities with a single application. This efficient system not only simplifies the job search for students but also ensures that enrolled companies receive a curated list of top match candidates tailored to their specific needs and requirements.

2024 was our first of two pilot years for the program. During this year, **seven partners signed on and offered career opportunities for which more than 70 students applied.**

KY FFA Works Pilot Year 1 Partners



2. Attract and prepare students for agricultural education careers.

Kentucky hosted its very first **Teach Ag Day** for high school juniors and their families. Participants learned about the benefits of teaching agriculture, options available to do so in Kentucky, and some best practices in applying for colleges.



3. Support and retain high-quality agricultural education instructors.

The Kentucky Master Ag Teacher Program (KMAT) is a professional development program for ag teachers built around the concepts of leadership, effective teaching practices, mentorship, and advocacy.



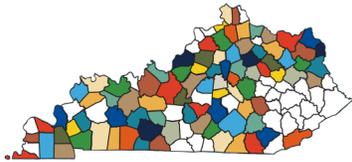
The **Golden Owl Award** recognizes one agriculture teacher in each FFA region for their contributions. Teachers were nominated by their colleagues, students and supporters in 2024, with regional winners set to be announced in spring 2025 and a Kentucky Agriculture Educator of the Year announced at the 2025 Kentucky FFA State Convention.

4. Mobilize and motivate supporters.

Give FFA Day happens each year on the Thursday of National FFA week. It's a day when the Foundation encourages anyone who has ever been positively impacted by Kentucky FFA to make a gift.

\$35,300.74 was raised from 246 donors during Give FFA Day 2024. Special thanks to Cargill, who matched the first \$10,000 in donations.

2024 gifts were used to fund grants for FFA members and agricultural education programs across the state.



There are 44 active **FFA Alumni Chapters** in Kentucky. These chapters are instrumental in providing local support for FFA. A member of the Kentucky FFA Alumni council also sits on the Kentucky FFA Foundation Board of Trustees.

The **Kentucky Ag Tag program** also mobilizes supporters of FFA by asking them to donate \$10 for each ag license tag they renew in the spring. 2024 was a record-setting year for donations through this program. To learn more, see our article on page 15.

5. Deliver & communicate our unique educational value.

Growing Kentucky's Leaders Podcast began this year, with a new episode dropping every Monday - 50 episodes for 2024.

Featuring Kentucky agriculture and FFA leaders, the podcast gives insights into leadership, careers and more. Besides being available for the general public on YouTube and other popular podcast platforms, Growing Kentucky's Leaders is also used by ag teachers as a weekly leadership lesson.



Scan to listen to
Growing Kentucky's Leaders



KENTUCKY FFA LEADERSHIP TRAINING CENTER

It was a big year for the Kentucky FFA Leadership Training Center.

In July, the association broke ground for a new activity center, to be called the Rising Sun Center, that will accommodate the more than 2,000 campers who use the LTC each year.

FFA Camp, which happens at the Leadership Training Center, is a transformative experience for many FFA members. It's the place where they may first begin to develop a practical understanding of what it means to be a leader and gain confidence in their own abilities to make a positive impact on the lives of others.

The Rising Sun Center project is funded by the Kentucky General Assembly. Efforts for the appropriation of funds were led by Kentucky State Representative Steven Rudy and Brandon Reed, Executive Director for the Kentucky Office of Ag Policy. Both Rudy and Reed are former Kentucky FFA state officers. Kentucky Farm Bureau also played a crucial role in garnering support for the project.

In addition, Miles LP Gas donated a new commercial grill to the Leadership Training Center, as well as all the gas needed for the camp kitchen.







CAROLINE GROTH NAMED NATIONAL FFA EASTERN REGION VICE PRESIDENT



2023-24 Kentucky FFA State President Caroline Groth was named 2024-25 National FFA Eastern Region Vice President at last October's National FFA Convention in Indianapolis.

Caroline is a member of the Locust Trace FFA Chapter in Lexington and a student at the University of Kentucky, majoring in agricultural economics.

She found her passion for agriculture and leadership when she became involved in

FFA during high school, and credits the encouragement of her agriculture teachers and others for pushing her to grow and achieve.

During her time in office, Caroline's travels will span the globe as she advocates for FFA's model of growing leaders through classroom instruction, hands-on experience, and leadership development.

ELEVATING LEADERS WITH RECORD FUNDING FROM THE KENTUCKY AG TAG PROGRAM

2024 was a record-setting year for the Kentucky Ag Tag program, with more funds raised through voluntary donations than ever before.

The Ag Tag program is funded by asking each individual who owns a farm license plate to give a \$10 donation when they renew their tags. The money raised is split 3 ways — between Kentucky FFA, Kentucky 4-H, and youth initiatives with the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. Half of the funds allotted to FFA and 4-H go directly back to the county programs where the money was originally donated, and the

other half goes to the respective foundations.

Kentucky Department of Agriculture Commissioner, Jonathan Shell, tours Kentucky in the months leading up to farm tag renewals and encourages those with the ag tags to contribute. Locally, many FFA chapters visit their county clerk's office to bring awareness to the program and encourage their community to give.

ELEVATING LEADERS

**YOUR DONATION
YOUR COMMUNITY
ELEVATES KY LEADERS**

GIVE \$10 WITH EACH AG TAG AND GROW KENTUCKY YOUTH

HALF OF THE FUNDS FOR 4-H AND FFA COME BACK TO YOUR LOCAL CLUBS AND CHAPTERS IN YOUR COUNTY.

SUPPORT STATEWIDE PROGRAMS IMPACTING 274,000 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN 4-H, FFA AND KY PROUD MEMBERS.

KENTUCKY
Kentucky Proud
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FARM

BY MAKING A \$10 DONATION WITH YOUR AG TAG, YOU ARE CHOOSING TO INVEST DIRECTLY INTO THE FUTURE OF KENTUCKY AGRICULTURE. DONATIONS ARE DIVIDED EQUALLY BETWEEN FFA, 4-H AND KENTUCKY PROUD WITH HALF GOING DIRECTLY BACK TO YOUR COUNTY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

\$310,400

amount raised in 2024 that went back to Kentucky FFA Foundation programs. Half was returned to the local FFA chapters in the counties where the donations were made.



\$5,000
Shark Tank Grant
 Savannah Crick
 Madisonville North Hopkins FFA

1792 Cattle Co. Cafe



\$500
SAE Launch Grant
 Trinity Holmes
 McLean County FFA

Backyard Chicken Production



\$500
SAE Launch Grant
 Josie Hoskins
 Breckinridge
 County FFA

Start a Greenhouse



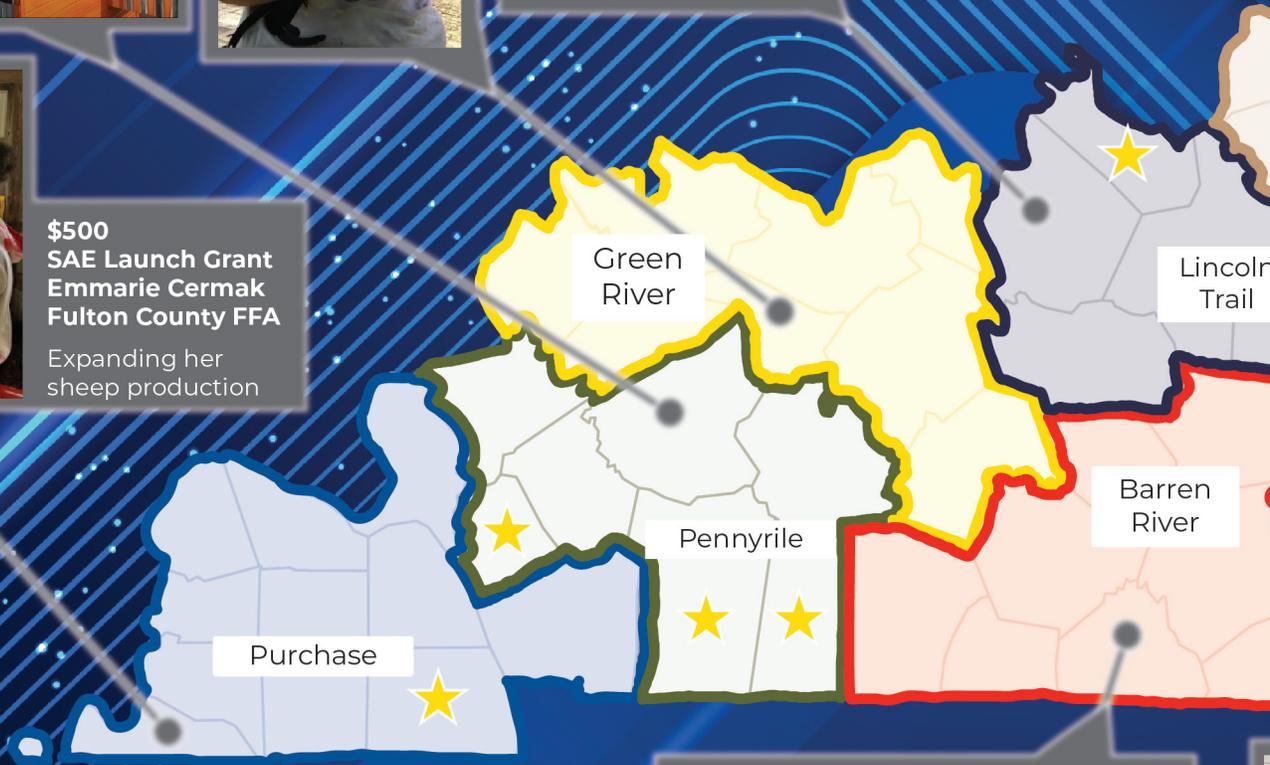
\$10,000
Ag Innovation Grant
 Henry County FFA

Farm to School Mini-Farm



\$500
SAE Launch Grant
 Emmarie Cermak
 Fulton County FFA

Expanding her
 sheep production



\$200
Jacket Grants
 Allen County
 Scottsville FFA



WE LOVE TO SHOW THE IMPACT

of the funds entrusted to the Kentucky FFA Foundation. Our mission is to put that money directly into the hands of FFA members and agriculture teachers across the Commonwealth. We do this in large part through our many grant programs. We have grants for members who need help purchasing an 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. While we can't show every individual or program we have supported this year, this map is a representative sample of the widespread support Kentucky FFA members and agriculture programs receive through the Foundation.

\$2,500
Ag Achiever Grant
Owen County FFA
 New greenhouse tables



\$1,000
Better Days Through
Better Ways Grant
Fleming County FFA
 Community Farm Stand



\$1,000
Shark Tank Grant
Ryder Phillips
Ashland Independent
Paul G. Blazer High School
 Mowing & Lawn Care



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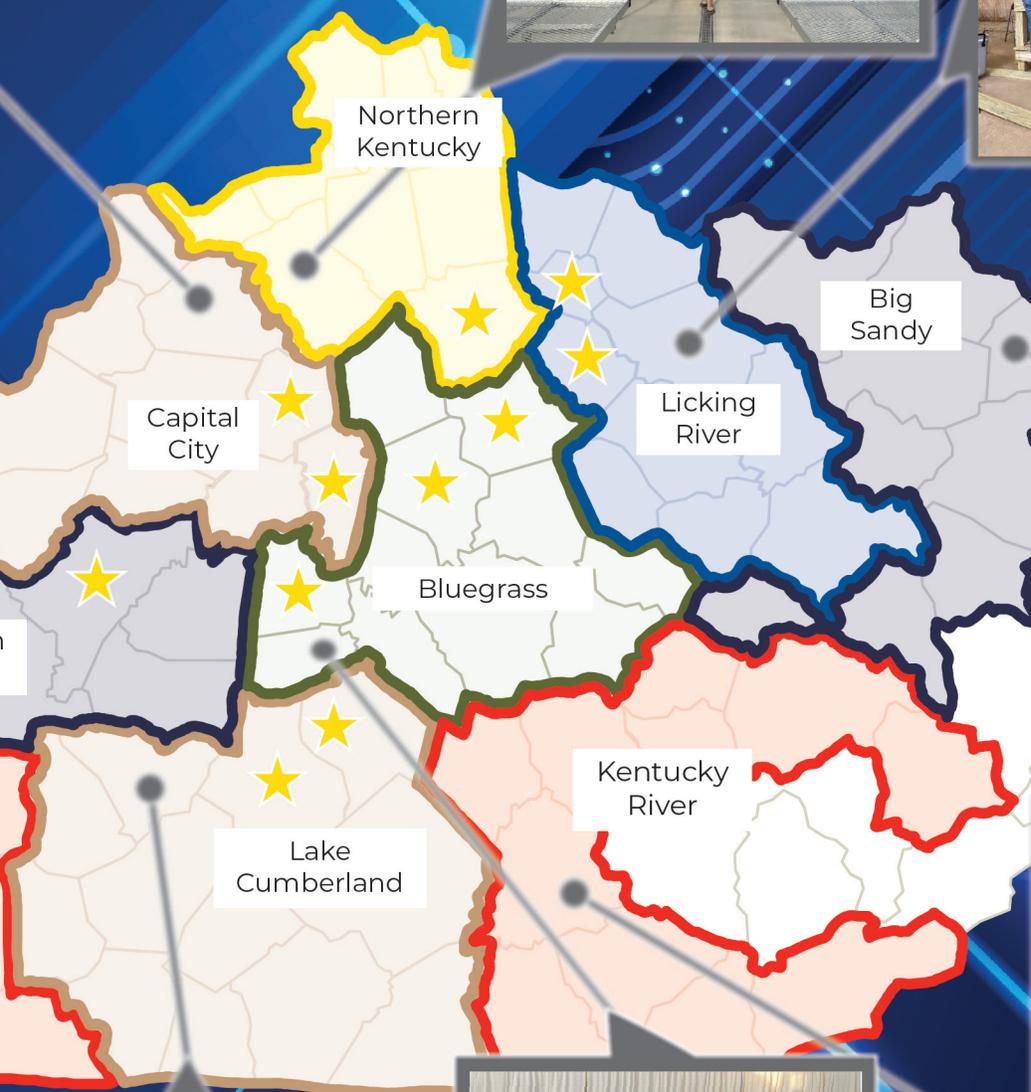


\$5,000
Shark Tank Grant
Mallie Johnson
South Laurel FFA
 Wild West Obsessed leather working business



\$5,000
Rising Sun Grant
Danville Christian Academy
 Rising Sun grants are for newly established FFA chapters.

\$10,000
Ag Innovation Grant
Taylor County FFA
 Small Animal Boarding & Grooming Lab



The stars on the map indicate counties with Forever Blue endowments. To learn more about our Forever Blue program, turn to page 20.

BLUE & GOLD GALA

A sell-out crowd of Kentucky FFA Foundation supporters gathered for an evening of celebration and support for FFA. The result was a record-setting evening, with the most funds raised ever at a Blue & Gold gala.

\$250,000+

was the net amount raised for Kentucky FFA Foundation initiatives that support FFA members across the Commonwealth.



Top: Kentucky FFA Foundation Board of Trustees Chairman, Nick Carter, visits with Gala attendees.

Bottom: County Clerks attended the Gala as special guests of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture

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Tarter Farm Makeover

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Donated by JR & Julie Shinkle

Purchased by Darrell Billings

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Purchased by Charlie Edgington

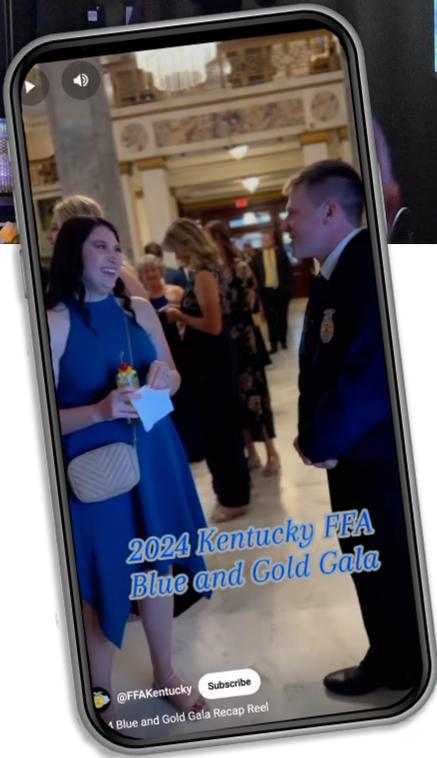
Panama City Condo

Donated by Dr. Donald Colliver

Purchased by Farm Credit Mid America

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The Buchanan Estate

SAVE THE DATE

2025 Blue & Gold Gala
Saturday, September 6
Millionaire's Row
Churchill Downs
5:30 p.m. EST



RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to Charlie Edgington, the winner of the Gator, and John Warren, the winner of the Greenworks Package.

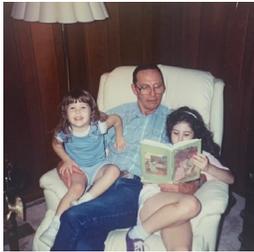
Thank you to Wright Implement for donating these items for our raffle!



FOREVER BLUE DONORS

The Forever Blue program honors donors who have generously committed \$10,000 or more to the Kentucky FFA Foundation. These dedicated supporters have the opportunity to endow specific Kentucky FFA programs and events or direct their gifts to benefit a local FFA chapter, ensuring lasting impact where it matters most.

Through the Forever Blue Endowment, donors can create a meaningful legacy that strengthens agricultural education, supports future leaders, and pays tribute to the experiences that shaped their own FFA journey. Their generosity ensures that Kentucky FFA continues to thrive for generations to come.



Harry Samuels
"Sammy" Houck



Anderson County
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Arthur Green



Bourbon County FFA
Chapter



Calloway County FFA



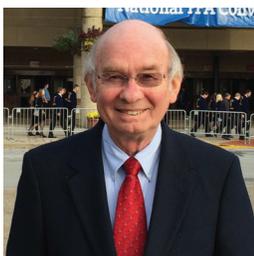
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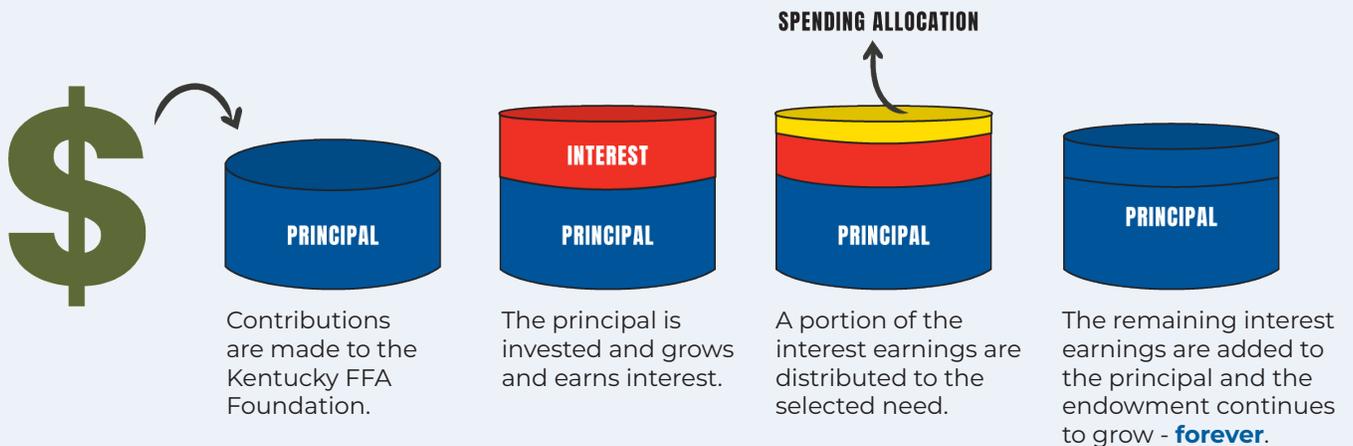


Christian County FFA



The Bill Gatton Foundation

HOW ENDOWED FUNDS WORK



LEAVING A LEGACY THROUGH THOUGHTFUL PLANNING



When Leslie and Donna Stith made provisions for planned gifts through their estate trust, they carefully selected organizations that meant a lot to them both. Leslie's time in FFA, and specifically at the KY FFA Leadership Training Center (LTC), was transformative for him. With that in mind, he and Donna made a \$50,000 designation for the Kentucky FFA Foundation with the purpose of supporting the LTC.

Growing up as the youngest of three brothers on a large family farm in Meade County, Leslie was a key part of his dad's labor force and couldn't often be spared to attend extracurricular activities. FFA was an exception.

His time at the KY LTC was one of the rare occasions when Leslie got to leave the farm – and he made the most of it.

"FFA camp was an opportunity for me to meet people I would have never had a chance to meet in my lifetime," said Leslie. "I won the leadership award three years, earned college credit working there for four years – I still have friends today that I met at FFA camp."

Leslie served as the Kentucky FFA State Treasurer in 1977-78, went on to graduate from the University of Kentucky's College of Agriculture, marry Donna, and have a long and successful career with former agribusiness giant Monsanto, but he never forgot how his experiences at the KY FFA LTC changed his life.

"It was a domino effect – my first step out into the real world. I continued to use what I learned at FFA camp throughout the years – into my career. Even in 30-plus years of working with Monsanto, I still came across people I had met through FFA camp."

Leslie's commitment to FFA has followed him throughout his life. He served nine years on the Kentucky FFA Foundation's Board of Trustees, including a term as chairman, where his leadership made a lasting impact.

"I took every opportunity I could find when I was younger to help me be a better person," he said. "Now it's time for me to give back."



The 1977-1978 Kentucky FFA State Officer Team. Leslie is third from the left in the top row. He served as the State Treasurer.

YOU CAN MAKE A GIFT WITH ONE SENTENCE IN YOUR ESTATE PLANS.

Use the language below in your will and/or trust for an unrestricted gift that allows the Kentucky FFA Foundation to determine how to use the funds based on the most pressing needs. Call us to discuss how to designate your gift for a specific purpose. Use the following language for your will and/or trust:

"I give to Kentucky Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit corporation currently located at PO Box 8, Flemingsburg, KY 41041, or its successor thereto, _____ [written amount or percentage of the estate or description of property] for its unrestricted charitable use and purpose."

BLUE & GOLD LEGACY DONORS

Thank you to these donors who have made plans to give to the Kentucky FFA Foundation through their estate.

Charles Berry

Keith & Laura Buckingham

Dr. Charles Byers

Nick Carter

Jeff & Morissa Hayes

Dr. Jay & Sharon Jackman

Dennis Ray Jackson

Corbin Melton, Jr.

Keelan & Diana Pulliam

Ken & Brenda Reed

Mike & Susan Richey,
in honor of ag teacher James Ladd

Mr. & Mrs. James Rousey

Glenn & Maggie Stith

Leslie & Donna Stith



PLAN YOUR LEGACY

Those who have experienced the impact of agricultural education and FFA recognize the importance of paying it forward. The Kentucky FFA Foundation is committed to helping donors find personalized giving options that align with their lifestyle and philanthropic goals, ensuring they can make a meaningful and lasting impact. Whether through estate gifts, endowments, or annual contributions, every gift helps shape the future of Kentucky FFA and its members.

VISIT [KYFFA.PLANMYGIFT.ORG](https://kyffa.planmygift.org) TO EXPLORE TOOLS THAT WILL HELP YOU PLAN YOUR LEGACY.



Anyone considering an estate gift can access free legacy planning tools on the Kentucky FFA Foundation's website. These resources are designed to help you explore your options with no obligation to give.

By planning ahead, you can create a lasting impact that supports Kentucky FFA members for generations to come.

- Estate planning kit
- Key questions to consider before making a gift
- Sample will language
- IRA giving options
- Many more resources

EXPLORE YOUR GIVING OPTIONS

If you are interested in making a gift to the Kentucky FFA Foundation, you have many options for making an impact that best fits your unique situation.

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.

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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.

Scan the QR code to access our tool that allows you to check for matching gifts.



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.



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