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OF EDUCATION SEAT

The Russell Independent Board of Education (“Board”) is seeking applications for appointment to fill a vacancy on the Board the District at large. This appointment will be effective until the November 2026 Regular Election.

Responsibilities include: setting policy to govern the District; hiring/evaluating the Superintendent; and levying taxes and adopting the District budget. Board members must:

- Be at least 24 years old and a Kentucky citizen for the last three years;
- Be a registered voter in the particular District of the vacancy;
- Have completed the 12th grade or have a GED certificate;
- Meet all other legal qualifications (KRS 160.180); and
- Complete required annual in-service training.

Applications are available at Russell Independent Board of Education Office or online at www.russellind.kyschools.us. Mail applications to: Superintendent, ATTN: Board Vacancy, 908 Powell Lane, Flatwoods, KY 41139. Applications for this vacancy must be received on or before April 10, 2025.

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3 from Ashland win
DAR art competition

BY LEE WARD
THE DAILY INDEPENDENT

ASHLAND Three Ashland students have won state and regional awards from the Daughters of the American Revolution in Lexington. They are:

- Emma Kate Hieneman, Ashland Middle School, seventh grade, daughter of Chad and Kourtney Hieneman;
- Malayah Jackson, Ashland Middle School, sixth grade, daughter of Courtney Phelps;
- Jack Henry Brown, Charles Russell Elementary School fifth-grader, son of Cory and Brittany Brown.

Each student won first place in the state, as well as first place in the East Central Division, which includes Kentucky, Indiana, West Virginia, Ohio and Missouri. Cory Brown in the students' art teacher; he also is Jack Henry Brown's father. The theme of the contest was "Celebrating 250 years of U.S. Navy and Marines." Brown said the middle schoolers designed stamps and the younger Brown created a photo essay. Last year, two Ashland Middle School students won; one was a national winner. Brown said there were various categories to choose from in the competition, but he gravitates toward projects that fit into his curriculum and those with less competition, giving his students better odds for winning. "Anything we can do to boost our students' confidence," he said.



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State winners of the Daughters of the American Revolution art contest are, from left: Jack Henry Brown, Charles Russell Elementary School fifth grader, son of Cory and Brittany Brown; Emma Kate Hieneman, Ashland Middle School, seventh grade, daughter of Chad and Kourtney Hieneman; and Malayah Jackson, Ashland Middle School, sixth grade, daughter of Courtney Phelps.

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ACTC professor is 2025 Eudora
Welty Research Fellow

STAFF REPORT

ASHLAND Kyle Alvey, a doctoral student at Purdue University, has been named the 2025 Eudora Welty Research Fellow. Alvey will use archival holdings in the Eudora Welty Collection housed at the Mississippi Department of Archives and History to research the life and work of the Pulitzer Prize-winning author. Alvey, an instructor with the Ashland Community and Technical College system, will use the \$5,000 fellowship award to cover his travel, housing and other expenses incurred while conducting his primary Welty research at the William F. Winter Archives and History Building in Jackson. "Like many American writers, the legacy of Eudora Welty is complex and requires an understanding of contextual layering, looking at aspects of race, gender, class, identity, Southern qualities and more," Alvey said. "It is my hope with this fellowship to produce a series of essays fit for publication that focused on around Eudora Welty's short story, 'Where is the Voice Coming From?,' that tells the story of the assassination of Civil Rights activist Medgar Evers from the perspective of the assassin. My focus is the role this story had in her life as a Southern writer and a social activist, as well as in the overall trajectory of the 20th century Civil Rights Movement." David Pilcher, director of the MDAH Archives and Record Services Division, acknowledged the Eudora Welty Foundation's support of the fellowship program. "I am certain Kyle will gain valuable insights this summer, making excellent use of digitized Welty Collection materials and extensive paper archives to conduct his research," Pilcher said, citing that the foundation makes those materials accessible through MDAH. Alvey received a bachelor of arts in English from the University of Kentucky. He is completing a master of arts in history at Marshall University in May 2025. He is starting his PhD in English with a focus in American literature of the 20th and 21st centuries in the fall and states the archival research experience will be an excellent precursor to his advanced studies. The Eudora Welty Collection is the world's finest collection of materials related to Welty and one of the most varied literary collections



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Kyle Alvey is pictured.

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