

OBITUARIES & NATION



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A Real ID sign is displayed as travelers wait to go through security check point at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago, May 23, 2025.

US air travelers without REAL IDs will be charged a \$45 fee

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Air travelers in the U.S. without a REAL ID will be charged a \$45 fee beginning in February, the Transportation Security Administration announced Monday.

The updated ID has been required since May, but passengers without it have so far been allowed to clear security with additional screening and a warning. The Department of Homeland Security says 94% of passengers are already compliant and that the new fee is intended to encourage travelers to obtain the ID.

REAL ID is a federally compliant state-issued license or identification card that meets enhanced requirements mandated in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Obtaining the ID — indicated by a white star in a yellow circle in most states — means taking more documents to the motor vehicle agency than most states require for regular IDs. It was supposed to be rolled out in 2008 but the implementation had been repeatedly delayed.

Beginning Feb. 1, travelers 18 and older flying domestically without a REAL ID and who don't have another accepted

form of ID on them, such as a passport, will pay the non-refundable fee to verify their identity through TSA's alternative "Confirm.ID" system.

TSA officials said that paying the fee does not guarantee verification, and travelers whose identities cannot be verified may be turned away. If approved, however, the verification covers a 10-day travel period.

The fee can be paid online before arriving at the airport. Travelers can also pay online at the airport before entering the security line, but officials said the process may take up to 30 minutes.

The TSA initially proposed an \$18 charge for passengers without a REAL ID, but officials said Monday they raised it after realizing the alternative identification program would cost more than anticipated.

Other acceptable forms of ID include military IDs, permanent resident cards and photo IDs from federally recognized tribal nations. TSA also accepts digital IDs through platforms such as Apple Wallet, Google Wallet and Samsung Wallet at more than 250 airports in the U.S.

Susan Barbara Filicky

Frankfort

Susan Barbara Filicky, 84, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, November 26, 2025, with family gathered around. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Good Shepherd Catholic Church on Friday, December 12, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. with Father John Lijana officiating. Visitation will be held at Good Shepherd Catholic from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on Friday.



and learning. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, scrapbooking, traveling and spending time with family.

Susan is survived by her three children: Jackie (Jeff) Wyatt, Thomas (Cristina) Filicky, Jr., and John (Trish) Filicky, five grandchildren, Matthew (Christy) Wyatt, Brian (Kirsten) Wyatt, Grant Wyatt, Samuel Filicky and Jacob Filicky; and three great grandchildren, Nolan, Colby and Gavin. She is survived by two sisters, Carol Lingo and Patricia Zureich and one brother, John (Janie) Milhalko.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Thomas and a sister, Deloris Pope.

We miss her and look forward to seeing her again in God's Kingdom!

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to Good Shepherd Catholic Church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory.

Susan was born March 5, 1941, to John and Bernice Mihalko. She grew up in the New Springfield, Ohio area and graduated from Springfield Local High School in 1959. After getting married to Thomas Filicky, they settled in New Middletown, Ohio and had three children. In 1972, the family moved to Richmond, Kentucky where Susan worked for 25 years as executive secretary at the Sherwin-Williams facility before retiring in 2000. After retirement, Susan and her husband moved to Frankfort, KY to be closer to family.

Susan was a devoted wife and a loving mother and had a deep faith in God and passion for life

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Carolyn Jean Winkler

Richmond

Carolyn Jean Hendren Winkler, 95, of the Union City community in Madison County, passed away Sunday, November 30, 2025, at Telford Terrace in Richmond, Kentucky. She was born November 10, 1930 in Garrard County, Kentucky, to the late Mason Hendren and Vera Broadus Hendren.

Jean, as she was known, was a homemaker and farmer alongside her late husband, Bryan Winkler. Her greatest love was her family, and she delighted in showering affection on her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was also a longtime member of Red House Baptist Church.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to Jean's caregivers at Telford Terrace and Hospice Care Plus, who all showed wonderful grace and compassion during her stay.

Jean is survived by three children: Marsha Colley (Andy), Brad Winkler (Anita), and Cliff Winkler (Janie), all of Richmond, Kentucky; two sisters: Donna Benton and Teresa Griggs; eight grandchildren: Jessica Wagner Burns (Matt), Christopher Wagner (Lindsey), Dustin Winkler (Nicole), Amanda Winkler Bass (Zach), Daniel Winkler (Jamie), Morgan Winkler Hunt (Logan), Eli Winkler, and Ethan



Winkler; 12 great-grandchildren: Norah Crouch, Kailyn Brown, Marley Brown, Swayze Winkler, Sutton Winkler, Fern Wagner, Juniper Wagner,

Wyatt Hunt, Sadie Hunt, Mallie Hunt, Lincoln Bass, and Caroline Winkler; 3 nieces and one nephew.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Bryan Winkler, one son, Bryan Alan Winkler, one sister, Ann Ray, and brothers-in-law Sammy Griggs and Charles Benton.

Services for Carolyn Jean Winkler will be conducted Friday, December 5, 2025, at 1:00 P.M. at Oldham, Roberts and Powell Funeral Home in Richmond. Visitation will be from 11:00 A.M. Friday until the time of the service. Burial will follow in the Richmond Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Christopher Wagner, Dustin Winkler, Daniel Winkler, Eli Winkler, Ethan Winkler, Logan Hunt and Matt Burns. Honorary pallbearers are Jean's remaining grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to Telford Terrace Nursing and Rehab and Hospice Care Plus, both of Richmond, Kentucky.

Condolences may be made at <http://orpfh.com>

Welcome to new era of admissions: AI could be scoring your college essay

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Students applying to college know they can't — or at least shouldn't — use AI chatbots to write their essays and personal statements. So it might come as a surprise that some schools are now using artificial intelligence to read them.

AI tools are now being incorporated into how student applications are screened and analyzed, admissions directors say. It can be a delicate topic, and not all colleges are eager to talk about it, but higher education is among the many industries where artificial intelligence is rapidly taking on tasks once reserved for humans.

In some cases, schools are quietly slipping AI into their evaluation process, experts say. Others are touting the technology's potential to speed up their review of applications, cut processing times and even perform some tasks better than humans.

"Humans get tired; some days are better than others. The AI does not get tired. It doesn't get grumpy. It doesn't have a bad day. The AI is consistent," says Juan Espinoza, vice provost for enrollment management at Virginia Tech.

This fall, Virginia Tech is debuting an AI-powered essay reader. The college expects it will be able to inform students of admissions decisions a month sooner than usual, in late January, because of the tool's help sorting tens of thousands of applications.

Colleges stress they are not relying on AI to make admissions decisions, using it primarily to review transcripts and eliminate data-entry tasks. But artificial intelligence also is playing a role in evaluating students. Some highly selective schools are adopting AI tools to vet the increasingly curated application packages that some students develop with the help of high-priced admissions consultants.

The California Institute of Technology is launching an AI tool this fall to look for "authenticity" in students who submit

research projects with their applications, admissions director Ashley Pallie said. Students upload their research to an AI chatbot that interviews them about it on video, which is then reviewed by Caltech faculty.

"It's a gauge of authenticity. Can you claim this research intellectually? Is there a level of joy around your project? That passion is important to us," Pallie said.

The prevalence of AI usage is difficult to gauge because it is such a new trend, said Ruby Bhattacharya, chair of the admission practices committee at the National Association for College Admission Counseling. NACAC updated its ethics guide this fall to add a section on artificial intelligence. It urges colleges to ensure the way they use it "aligns with our shared values of transparency, integrity, fairness and respect for student dignity."

SOME SCHOOLS HAVE FACED BLOWBACK

The University of North

Carolina at Chapel Hill faced a barrage of negative feedback from applicants, parents and students after its student newspaper, The Daily Tar Heel, reported in January the school was using AI to evaluate the grammar and writing style of applicants' essays.

The university declined to comment for this article and referred to its admissions website, which it updated after the criticism. "UNC uses AI programs to provide data points about students' common application essay and their school transcripts," the website says. Every application "is evaluated comprehensively by extensively trained human application evaluators."

At Virginia Tech, Espinoza said he has been contacted by several colleges that are interested in the new technology but wary of backlash. "The feedback from a lot of colleagues is, 'You roll this out, we're watching you, and we'll see how everyone's reacting,'" he said.



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Juan Espinoza, vice provost for enrollment management at Virginia Tech, poses for a photo in his office, Nov. 12, 2025, in Blacksburg, Va.

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