

Gallagher Attends National FFA Leadership Conference



Shown are the group of FFA members who attended the Washington Leadership Conference. Ellie is in the 4th row, on the right.

Ellie Gallagher, a member of the Bracken County FFA Chapter, recently attended the Washington Leadership Conference (WLC) in Washington, D.C., the premier leadership experience offered by the National FFA Organization. The Kentucky FFA Foundation was able to make this opportunity available thanks to last year's historic gift from The Bill Gatton Foundation, which, among other things, provided funding to send 100 FFA members from across Kentucky to participate in this life-changing leadership experience. The investment reflects a shared commitment to developing the next generation of leaders in agriculture.

During the conference, Ellie joined hundreds of FFA members from across the nation to develop leadership skills, explore personal growth opportunities, and learn how to create positive change within their community. They engaged in workshops focused on servant leadership, community service, goal setting, and civic engagement, while also visiting many of the nation's most significant historical landmarks. "The Washington Leadership Conference is a life changing experience for FFA members, but the barrier of entry has been really high. Mr. Gatton's generosity has now opened the door and provided a bus for Kentucky FFA members for generations. It's a true gift," said Sheldon McKinney, executive director of the Kentucky FFA Foundation. "Experiences like the Washington Leadership Conference help students discover their leadership potential and return home inspired to be bridge builders and leaders in their homes and communities."

While in Washington, D.C., participants also visited national monuments, memorials, and museums, gaining a deeper understanding of the nation's history and the importance of engaged citizenship.

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BBB Employment Scams Study Reveals Soaring Numbers of Victims

Job hunters tricked into handing over thousands of dollars are being lured in with a new tactic: Task-based scams where they are offered high pay to "like" and "subscribe" to videos online. Over the last three years, nearly 50,000 people reported to BBB Scam Tracker after falling victim to an employment scam. Reports exploded in 2025, doubling over the previous year. BBB received hundreds of reports involving task-based scams where fraudsters impersonated popular companies.

BBB found:
 •Over 600 reports to BBB about employment scams were "task-based"
 •Job scams conducted over text message exploded in 2025, making up half of all reports
 •Employment scams are rising, despite extensive public information about this type of fraud

•Median losses shrank since 2023 but remain high at \$1,000
What are the red flags of an employment scam?

- Unprompted job offers
- Jobs offered without an interview
- Too-good-to-be-false

true salaries
 •High-pressure offers to take a job immediately
 •Interviewers refuse to turn on camera
 •Payment to like or subscribe to videos online
 •Charges or taxes to withdraw money already earned
 •Upfront costs to begin work

How can you avoid employment scams?
 •Do research on companies offering jobs. If someone reaches out to you out of the blue, attempt to find a posting for the job on the company's official website.
 •Never pay money to get your paycheck. No legitimate job will ask you to pay taxes or any other fee to "unlock" funds you have already earned.
 •Avoid jobs paying you to watch videos, like them or subscribe to a channel. In nearly every case, this will be a scam.
 •Always use video in an interview if possible. If an employer offers you a job without an interview, be wary.

Visit BBB.org to check out a business or register a complaint, BBB Scam TrackerSM to report a scam and BBB.org/scamstudies for more on this and other scams.

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SECTION 00113 ADVERTISEMENT

Sealed bids for the **Bracken County Water District – Brewery WM Extension** for the Bracken County Water District, will be received at the District office located at 1324 Brooksville Germantown Road, Brooksville, Kentucky 41004 until **11 a.m., Local Time July 8, 2026** and then publicly opened and read aloud.

The program of work for which bids are to be submitted consists of the installation of approximately 750 LF of 3" water main and appurtenances. Additionally, the project includes a connection to the existing water main, blow off assembly, and steel casing bore and jack.

The Contract Time allotted for the completion of this contract is thirty (30) consecutive calendar days.

Bluegrass Engineering, PLLC, 222 East Main Street, Suite 1, P.O. Box 1657, Georgetown, Kentucky. Phone: 859-351-1714.

Bracken County Water District, 1324 Brooksville-Germantown Road, Brooksville, Kentucky 41004. Phone: 606-735-3513

Copies of the Drawings, in full size and the Specifications and Contract Documents may be obtained from Bluegrass Engineering, PLLC, 222 East Main Street, Suite 1, Georgetown, Kentucky 40324, Phone 859-749-5420, upon receipt of a non-refundable amount of \$100.00 for each complete set of documents in hard copy. **All qualified bidders must purchase a set of plans and specifications and must be listed as a plan holder by the plan distributor, Bluegrass Engineering, PLLC.**

All bids must be made on the required Bid Form and must be fully completed and executed with original signatures and corporate seals.

The contract is being funded by the Bracken County Water District.

Federal Prevailing Wage Rates DO NOT apply for this project.

Hearing impaired individuals may call 1-800-247-2510 for information.

No Bidder may withdraw his Bid within ninety (90) days after the actual date of bid opening.

Bidders on this work will be required to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Anti-Kickback Act, and the Contract Work Hours Standard Act. Bidders must comply with the President's Executive Orders No. 11246 and No. 11375 and any amendments or supplements to those Executive Orders.

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109 and E.O. 11246.

Bidders must certify they do not and will not maintain or provide for their employees any facilities that are segregated or based on race, color, creed, or national origin.

Minorities and small businesses are encouraged to submit bids on this project.

The Contract will be awarded on the basis of the low evaluated responsive, responsible, best and qualified bidder unless all bids are rejected.

The Bracken County Water District reserves the right to waive any bidding informalities and to reject any or all bids, for any reason deemed advisable by the District. The right is reserved by the Owner, in the exercise of its sole judgment to reject any or all Bids, and to re-advertise and award the Contract in the regular manner or to waive any informalities, irregularities, mistakes, errors, or omissions in any Bid received and to accept any Bid deemed to be responsive to this invitation and favorable to interests of the Owner.

The sealed bid for this project shall be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "Sealed Bid for **Bracken County Water District – Brewery WM Extension** for the Bracken County Water District". If Bids are to be mailed, they should be mailed to Bracken County Water District, 1324 Brooksville-Germantown Road, Brooksville, Kentucky 41004 certified check or Bid Bond payable to the Bracken County Water District in the amount of five (5) percent of the Bid shall accompany the Bid.

BRACKEN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
 Anthony Habermehl, Chairman
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The program of work for which bids are to be submitted consists of the installation of approximately 2,200 LF of 4" water main and appurtenances. Additionally, the project includes a connection to the existing water main, 4" gate valve(s), and steel casing, bore & jack.

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