

BLUEGRASS COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE ROUNDUP

Open registration for the fall 2026; semester starts Aug. 17

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Bluegrass Community & Technical College has begun its open registration period for the Fall 2026 semester.

New students who have been admitted have received an email acceptance letter with a link to schedule an advising appointment. Students have the following options for advising: phone, online or in-person.

Returning students have received emails from their academic advisor this past semester with a link to their appointment calendar – including phone and in-person options. Students can make their advising appointment via those links. Students that can no longer access those emails can contact BL_Advising@kctcs.edu to connect to an academic advisor.

Additionally, representatives from Admissions, Advising, Financial Aid and the Bursar’s Office are available in the Den at the Newtown Campus to assist prospective or current students with enrollment for the Fall semester.

Walk-in assistance will be available during The Den’s regular hours:

—Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Registration will also occur at the Regional Campuses Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Students can contact their campus directly for additional registration opportunities.

Those who have not applied to BCTC can apply through the online application. If the application is complete, but students are not enrolled, they may walk in during the dates above or set up a pre-advising appointment with the Advising Office. Current students can also walk in or schedule an advising appointment on the BCTC advising page.

BCTC offers over 40 programs that prepare students for high-wage, high-demand jobs, such as manufacturing, information technology,

fully cover tuition, fees, books, supplies, and required materials for eligible students, ensuring participants can complete training pro-

annual wage of \$51,686 in Kentucky with an 82 percent job placement rate. Programs include A+ Prep, Computer Tech Basic, and Computer Technician credentials.

—Commercial Truck Driving (CDL-A): Median annual wage of \$55,590. Funding will support tuition for students pursuing CDL-A Tractor Trailer certification.

—Telecommunications Line Installation and Repair: Median annual wage of \$60,180 in Central Kentucky with a 92 percent job placement rate. Participants will earn Voice and Data Wiring Technician credentials.

Additional short-term credential programs supported by the grant include Welder Helper General, Nurse Aide, Phlebotomy Technician, Wastewater Processing Attendant, and more.

“Bank of America’s investment will transform lives across Central Kentucky by supporting individuals who need these opportunities the most but can afford them the least,” said BCTC Foundation Executive Director, Dr. Erin Tipton.

“Our investments and hands-on involvement in workforce development support both our region’s employers who need skilled workers and the next generation of talent,” said John Gardner, President, Bank of America Kentucky.

“By building career pathways with BCTC and local nonprofits, we can help drive financial prosperity and economic growth for Lexington and the nation.”

“This generous support from Bank of America allows us to remove one of the biggest barriers to education—cost—while directly connecting our students to meaningful, high-demand careers,” said Dr. Greg Feeney. “Through this partnership, we are not only changing

individual lives but also strengthening the workforce and economic vitality of Central Kentucky.”

BCTC receives grant to support resettled immigrant families

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Bluegrass Community and Technical College (BCTC) has been awarded a \$30,000 grant from the Truist Foundation to support “New Roots, New Careers: Empowering Resettled Families,” a one-year initiative designed to help immigrants overcome employment barriers and achieve greater economic mobility.

The project will provide English as a Second Language (ESL) education and specialized tutoring services for 30 immigrants who have lived in the United States for more than five years but remain underemployed or have not yet earned credentials that align with their skills, experience, and career goals.

Through targeted educational support, participants will strengthen their English language proficiency, improve workplace communication skills, and gain access to resources that can help them pursue credentials, training, and employment opportunities leading to family-sustaining careers.

“This grant reflects our commitment to access,” said Dr. Greg Feeney, Chancellor of Bluegrass Community and Technical College. “With the support of the Truist Foundation, we can provide the educational resources and personalized support needed to help participants build successful careers, strengthen their families, and contribute to

the continued growth of our region.”

The initiative recognizes that many resettled immigrants and refugees continue to encounter challenges even years after arriving in the United States. By addressing language barriers and providing individualized academic support, the program aims to help participants move beyond entry-level employment and pursue meaningful career advancement opportunities.

The project will be led by Erin Howard, Associate Dean for Global Learning and Principal Investigator for the grant.

“Access to education is one of the most powerful tools for economic mobility,” said Erin Howard. “Through New Roots, New Careers, we will help participants strengthen the language skills and confidence needed to navigate educational and workforce pathways in the United States. By building on the education, career experience, and skills participants already possess, we can help them apply those strengths in our community and access higher-wage employment opportunities. We are grateful to the Truist Foundation for investing in the potential of these individuals and helping create opportunities that will have a lasting impact on families throughout our community.”

The grant aligns with BCTC’s mission to provide accessible, high-quality education and workforce development opportunities that prepare individuals for success in a rapidly evolving economy. By supporting immigrants as they pursue education and career goals, the college continues to strengthen Kentucky’s workforce and foster inclusive economic growth.

business, logistics and health care. BCTC is the best value in education. Students can complete the first two years of college at half the cost of a four-year institution, then transfer the credits toward a bachelor’s degree.

Grant received to advance workforce development

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The Bluegrass Community and Technical College (BCTC) Foundation has received a \$50,000 grant from Bank of America to support a transformative workforce development initiative aimed at removing financial barriers for Kentuckians seeking high-demand, high-wage careers.

This funding will

grams without incurring prohibitive expenses. Students will be referred through key community partners, including Goodwill Industries of Kentucky, the Hope Center of Lexington, and Jubilee Jobs of Lexington.

The initiative targets unemployed, homeless, justice-involved, low-income, and other underserved individuals, equipping them with the skills and credentials needed to secure meaningful employment in high-demand industries.

Training opportunities supported by the grant include:

—Construction Technology (Carpentry): Median annual wage of \$50,860 in Central Kentucky with an 83% immediate job placement rate. Funding will support Basic Carpenter credential certifications.

—Computer User Support Specialists: Average

Public Notice

GEORGETOWN MUNICIPAL WATER & SEWER SERVICE

Seeking bids for labor, materials for construction project by Aug. 12

Georgetown Municipal Water & Sewer Service (GMWSS) is accepting sealed bids for the construction of the “2026 Tertiary Filter and UV Pre-Engineered Metal Building” project, which includes the procurement of materials and labor to construct and place into service a pre-engineered metal building, along with all related appurtenances as shown on the drawings and described in the

specifications. Sealed Bids shall be submitted to the offices of GMWSS at 1000 W. Main Street, Suite 1, Georgetown, KY 40324, until 2:00 pm local time on Wednesday, August 12, 2026.

A digital PDF version of the Request for Proposal that outlines the services requested can be obtained from GMWSS by emailing Jeremy Wood at jwood@gmwss.com. Paper copies may be obtained from

GMWSS by calling Jeremy Wood at 502 863 7816 ext. 1206 and scheduling a pickup time. Contractors wishing to inspect the project site should contact Jeremy Wood to schedule a site visit. There will be no site visits after 4 pm Thursday, August 6, 2026.

There will be no pre-bid meeting. Bidding Documents may be examined between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm (M – F) at the following location: Of-

fices of GMWSS, 1000 W. Main Street, Georgetown, KY 40324.

GMWSS reserves the right to waive any bidding informalities and to reject any or all bids, for any reason. 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, irregulari-

ties, 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.

This project is not subject to Federal wage and hour provisions. A certified check or Bid Bond payable to the Georgetown Municipal Water and Sewer Services in the amount of five (5) percent of the Bid shall accom-

pany the Bid.

Bids shall be received as hard copy by mail. The sealed bid for this project shall be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: “Sealed Bid for 2026 Tertiary Filter and UV Pre-Engineered Metal Building”. The bid may be hand delivered or mailed to: Georgetown Municipal Water and Sewer Service, 1000 W Main St, Suite 1, Georgetown, KY 40324.

GEORGETOWN-SCOTT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

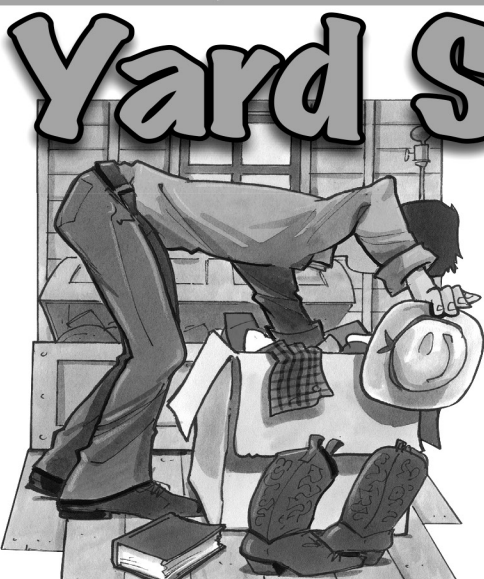
Notice of hearing to consider zoning ordinance amendment

Notice of Public Hearing for Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment:

On Thursday August 13th, at 6 PM ET / 5 PM CT in the Scott County Fiscal Courtroom (101 East Main Street, Georgetown KY 40324), the Planning Commission will consider a text amendment to section 2.5 and section 4.1 of the Georgetown-Scott County Zoning

Ordinance. The proposed amendment would pertain to agricultural farm stands. Public comment will be open, and all interested persons are invited to attend. You can reach the Georgetown- Scott County Planning Commission at 502-867-3701 with any questions. A copy of the Zoning Ordinance is available on the GSCPC website.

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