

Team Kentucky awards transportation scholarships

PRESS RELEASE

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Jan. 16, 2026) – For Kentucky students looking to build the infrastructure their communities depend on every day, applications are now open for state-sponsored engineering and construction management scholarships. Three types of higher education scholarships are offered for current or upcoming Kentucky university and college students who apply by Feb. 1, 2026.

“Kentucky’s future depends on our kids and the talent we invest in today,” said Gov. Andy Beshear. “These scholarships educate the next generation that will help make our New Kentucky Home the best place in the nation to build the American Dream. This opportunity will allow recipients to turn their education into meaningful careers serving the com-

munities they call home.”

Up to 25 scholarships will be awarded for the 2026-2027 academic year in civil engineering, engineering technology and construction management by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC). The annual scholarships come with a paid summer job and guaranteed employment with KYTC upon graduation. Current college students as well as upcoming freshmen are eligible.

“These scholarships are more than financial assistance – they’re pathways into good-paying public service jobs,” said KYTC Secretary Jim Gray. “For decades, this program has helped build a workforce of talented engineers and construction managers who keep Kentucky moving, respond when disaster strikes, and dedicate their careers to improving quality of life across our Commonwealth.”

More than 2,000 students

have received approximately \$20 million from the Civil Engineering Scholarship Program since it began in 1948.

The Civil Engineering Scholarship is for students focusing on a four-year engineering degree who attend Murray State University, University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, Western Kentucky University. It is awarded to 10-20 new students and can be worth up to \$59,200 (ranging from \$7,200 to \$7,600 per semester).

The Civil Engineering Technology Scholarship was established in 2009 in partnership with the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) at Big Sandy Community & Technical College in Prestonsburg. Each scholarship student will receive \$3,700 per semester to complete an associate degree in Civil Engineering

Technology. The Cabinet will award up to 10 scholarships to students attending Big Sandy Community & Technical College.

The Construction Management Scholarship is for students focusing on a four-year construction management degree at Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead State University, Murray State University, Northern Kentucky University or Western Kentucky University. A limited number of scholarships will be offered, and they will be worth up to \$59,200 (also ranging from \$7,200 to \$7,600 per semester).

All three types of scholarships include summer employment and job placement at KYTC after graduation. Scholarship recipients agree to work for KYTC for a year for every year they received the scholarship. Former scholarship recipients have held

top management positions at KYTC including multiple deputy secretaries, state highway engineers, chief district engineers and branch managers.

KYTC Deputy State Highway Engineer John Moore applied as a senior in high school after learning about the program at the University of Kentucky E-Day in 1992. He graduated with a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from the University of Kentucky in 1997 and a master’s degree in civil engineering in 2003. In his role at KYTC, John is responsible for the divisions of construction, materials, construction procurement, equipment, traffic operations and maintenance. He has also had the privilege of leading emergency response efforts like debris removal after the 2022 eastern Kentucky flooding and overseeing Kentucky’s recent deploy-

ment mission to North Carolina to help communities recover from Hurricane Helene flood damage.

“The engineering scholarship was critical for me to attend college at all. Additionally, it provided the financial support I needed to focus on my studies and pursue my passion for engineering,” Moore said. “It paved the way for a rewarding career where I now have the privilege of improving infrastructure and sometimes going outside my lane to help tackle unexpected needs that make a real difference in the lives of others.”

Scholarship recipients will be notified in April. For applications or to learn more information about these scholarships and other educational opportunities, please visit <https://transportation.ky.gov/Education/> or call (502) 782-4970.

Media alert: BBB warns phishing scam targets prominent social media accounts

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BBB serving Greater Kentucky and South Central Indiana warns consumers of a phishing scam that locks users out of their X (formerly known as Twitter) accounts. Once the accounts have been hacked, they are used to promote cryptocurrency and other products.

The scam typically targets accounts with large followings. Several high profile local figures, including journalists and government officials, have been targeted by scammers.

Noted Kentucky turf writer Jennie Rees recently had her X account hacked.

“Hackers have gotten increasingly clever and insidious. Gone are the days

when they were easily spotted by awkward wording, spelling or an outlandish claim. I got a DM on X seemingly from a long-time sports journalism colleague asking if I would vote for him in an online contest to co-host a ‘huge podcast event with Spotify and Google.’ My colleague is in the podcast world, so sure, I wanted to help him out — and clicked on the purported link to vote. And I was infected. I was locked out of my X account, and a post surfaced where I say I bought a new Audi with my crypto earnings. Far worse is that my X contacts began receiving that bogus DM that started it all,” said Rees. “I’m thrilled the BBB is working to raise public awareness of this hacker

fraud.”

BBB offers the following tips to help consumers avoid social media scams:

- Understand how social media platforms work. Get to know a social media platform’s policies before using it. For example, X never sends emails requesting login credentials, nor do they send emails with attachments. If you are clear on the platform’s policies and procedures, you’ll be less likely to fall for correspondence from a scammer – even if it looks legit.
- Be wary of unsolicited messages. Be skeptical about out-of-the-blue messages, whether it’s a DM, an email, or a message on a messaging app, especially if they ask you to click on links or open

attachments. Instead, go straight to the source – the platform’s official customer service center – to determine if the message is real. Read more about this Facebook phishing scam targeting business pages.

- Look for the signs of a scam. Poor spelling, bad grammar, pressure to act now, demand for payment, and scare tactics are all red flags that indicate a scam.
- Always protect your personal information. Never give a stranger your login credentials or other personal information without verifying their request's legitimacy. Most reputable companies won’t ask you for your login information.

Extension Exclusive: Staying ahead of the winter blues

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When the days are short and cold, many people start to feel tired, cranky or down. Kids can feel this too. The “winter blues” are common when we spend less time outside and more time indoors. While these feelings are normal, there are simple ways families can stay positive and healthy throughout the season.

Get moving.

Even a short walk or a few minutes of sunlight can boost your mood and energy. Encourage kids to bundle up and play outdoors. They can build a snowman, walk the dog,

or race around the yard. Natural light helps our brains make serotonin, a chemical that helps us feel happy.

Keep a sleeping routine. Regular sleep, meals, and play times help everyone feel more balanced. Try to keep bedtime the same, even on weekends. Too little sleep can make winter sadness worse.

Stay active and have fun.

Exercise releases “feel-good” chemicals that help our brains and bodies. Turn on music and have a dance party in the living room or do family stretches before bed.

Talk about it.

If your child seems extra quiet, tired or sad, let them know it is okay to talk about their feel-

ings. Listen without judging. If sadness lasts more than a couple of weeks, or your child loses interest in things they usually enjoy, talk to a doctor or counselor.

Small changes like getting light, staying active, and talking openly can help your family beat the winter blues and look forward to brighter days ahead.

Contact your local Spencer County Extension office for more information.

Source: David Weisenhorn, Senior Extension Specialist, Family and Consumer Sciences Extension at the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

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BEARS

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rebounds.

As a team, the Bears had a total field goal percentage of 61.5, making 24 out of 39 attempts, went nine-for-13 from the free throw line, and had 25 total rebounds.

The Bears hosted South Oldham at home on Tuesday, and travel to Anderson County on Friday with a 7:30 p.m. tip-off.

Remaining schedule:

- Tuesday, Jan. 27 at North Oldham - 7:30 p.m.



- Friday, Jan. 30 vs. Seneca at home - 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 31 at

Gallatin County - 2:30 p.m.

- Monday, Feb. 2 at Franklin County - 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 6 at Woodford County - 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 10 vs. Bullitt East at home - 7:45 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 13 at Henry County - 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 16 at Owen County - 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 17 vs. North Hardin at home - 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 20 vs. Bardstown at home - 7:30 p.m.

Schedule subject to change. All photos by Jeff Sopland/The Spencer Magnet.


GREEN

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alongside NBC Sports for this opening ceremony, we look forward to creating a collective celebration for fans in the stadium and around the world.”

The opening ceremony will take place ahead of the pregame entertainment, in which Charlie Puth is to perform the national anthem, Brandi Carlile will sing “America the Beautiful” and Coco Jones will deliver “Lift Every Voice and Sing.”

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**SPENCER CIRCUIT COURT
RE-NOTICE OF SCHEDULED MASTER COMMISSIONER SALE**

By orders of the Spencer Circuit Court in the below listed actions, I shall proceed to offer for sale, at public auction, the real estate described herein to the highest and best bidder at the Spencer County Courthouse, Taylorsville, Kentucky, on **FRIDAY, January 23, 2026, at 10:00 A.M., EDT**, which real estate is located in Spencer County, Kentucky, to-wit:

SALE NO. 1
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION V. TODD EWING, ET. AL., Civil Action No. 23-CI-00037, 228 Elliott Court, Taylorsville, Kentucky, Spencer County (for more specific and detailed description, refer to Deed Book 274, Page 794, in the Spencer County Clerk’s Office. Parcel No.: 18-30-93).
Plaintiff’s Attorney: Chris Wiley

SALE NO. 2
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, IN TRUST FOR REGISTERED HOLDERS OF LONG BEACH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2004-6, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-6 V. CHRISTOPHER M. LAY, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, DIVISION OF COLLECTIONS, ONEMAIN FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF SPENCER, ET. AL., Civil Action No. 25-CI-00160, 409 Watkins Glen Way, Taylorsville, Kentucky, Spencer County (for more specific and detailed description, refer to Deed Book 187, Page 479, in the Spencer County Clerk’s Office. Parcel No.: 24-50-14).
Plaintiff’s Attorney: Christopher M. Hill

SALE NO. 3
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC V. KRISTIN L. SIMONSON, ET. AL., Civil Action No. 25-CI-00108, 100 Amber Court, Mount Eden, Kentucky, Spencer County (for more specific and detailed description, refer to Deed Book 317, Page 74, in the Spencer County Clerk’s Office. Parcel No.: 46-30-50).
Property includes a manufactured home described as a 2004 Champion Homes Keenlan, Model 04 KN 2864, Serial No. CKIN41625Z, A-B, Certificate of Title 212441080003, converted to and permanently affixed to the real property by Affidavit of Conversion to Real Estate, dated October 7, 2021 and recorded on October 14, 2021 in Book MC3, Page 530, in the Office of the Clerk of Spencer County, Kentucky.
Plaintiff’s Attorney: Crystal Saresky

SALE NO. 4
CMG MORTGAGE, INC. V. CURTIS A. TUNNELL, II, ET. AL., Civil Action No. 24-CI-00118, 460 Tindale Drive, Taylorsville, Kentucky, Spencer County (for more specific and detailed description, refer to Deed Book 318, Page 436, in the Spencer County Clerk’s Office. Parcel No.: 14-30-45).
Plaintiff’s Attorney: Chris Wiley

Each of the foregoing parcels of real estate shall be sold on terms of cash deposit, cashier’s check, or certified check in the amount of the purchase price, or 10% down at the time of sale and the balance thereof due and payable in 30 days after date of sale. The purchaser of said real estate shall have the right to pay all or any part of the purchase price on the day of sale by cash, cashier’s check, or certified check. If the purchaser does not elect to pay the entire purchase price the Master Commissioner shall take from the purchaser, the sum of 10% down and a good and sufficient bond with surety acceptable to the Master Commissioner for the balance of said purchase price and bearing interest from date of sale as stated in the court order until paid in full.

Each tract or parcel of real estate shall be sold subject to the following: (a) all city, state, county and school real estate taxes due and payable in the current year and all subsequent taxes for which the purchaser shall not take credit, unless otherwise stated, in addition any delinquent taxes not named in the pending action shall be the responsibility of the purchaser to pay; (b) any easements, restrictions, stipulations and agreements of record; (c) any assessments for public improvements levied against the property; (d) applicable zoning ordinances; or (e) any matters disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property.

SALE NO. 1
The Plaintiff shall recover, jointly and severally, the sum of \$178,557.44 as of December 1, 2022, with interest thereon at \$20.20 per diem until paid; plus, late fees, costs, attorney’s fees, and other advances made pursuant to the terms of the Note and Mortgage.

SALE NO. 2
The Plaintiff shall recover the sum of \$98,570.74, together with accrued interest on the principal portion thereof, at the rate of 3.00000% per annum from October 7, 2025, until the amount has been paid in full.

SALE NO. 3
The Plaintiff is granted an in-personam judgment for a total of \$206,326.89, plus interest at the current rate of 4.125% per year (\$21.07 per diem) from July 14, 2025, until paid; plus, further advances for taxes and insurance premiums and its additional costs expended herein; any additional reasonable attorney fees and for any other fees expended for services performed in connection with Defendant’s default and for protecting Plaintiff’s interest in the real property and manufactured home and its rights under the Mortgage.

SALE NO. 4
The Plaintiff shall recover, jointly and severally, the sum of \$264,208.20 as of March 1, 2023, with interest thereon at \$27.14 per diem until paid; plus, late fee, costs, attorney fees, and other advances made pursuant to the terms of the Note and Mortgage.

MASTER COMMISSIONER’S NOTES
All prospective purchasers are advised to fully understand and consider the following:

1. All properties are sold strictly “as is with no warranties expressed or implied”. Properties shall be sold on the courthouse steps, weather and traffic permitting. No prior inspections are arranged by the Court or the Commissioner in that properties are often occupied as of the day of sale.
2. Risk of loss to improvements to real estate shifts to purchaser as of the date of sale. Insurance should be placed immediately by successful bidder.
3. All properties sold for less than two-thirds the appraised value are subject to current owner’s statutory right of redemption pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statutes.
4. Rights of possession given to purchaser with deed, but hold-over occupants of real estate may require additional Court action by purchaser to obtain actual possession.
5. Master Commissioner’s deed warrants title only so far as authorized by the judgment, order and proceedings of the Court, but no further. Independent title examination by successful purchaser is recommended prior to confirmation of sale.

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