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Team Kentucky's Confiscated Bourbon Auction Raises Over \$21,000 for Alcohol Education Programs

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Oct. 27, 2026) – Today, Team Kentucky announced that the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control's (ABC) second online auction of confiscated bourbon raised \$21,117 to support alcohol education programs. The auction resulted in the sale of 59 bottles of bourbon.

"We are thrilled with the response to this year's auction and grateful to everyone who participated," said **ABC Commissioner Scotty Tracy**. "Turning confiscated bourbon into more than \$21,000 for alcohol education is a win for Kentucky youth."

The auction featured bourbons confiscated through closed criminal investigations conducted by ABC. In 2024, [state law](#) changed to allow ABC to sell confiscated alcoholic beverages through public auction. Previously the evidence had to be destroyed.

The item with the highest bid was a collection of four EH Taylor bourbons including Small Batch, Single Barrel, Barrel Proof and Sour Mash that sold for \$8,001.

The Alcohol Wellness and Responsibility Education (AWARE) board provides grants to Kentucky high schools, colleges and universities to support alcohol responsibility programs. For more information about ABC and its alcohol education initiatives, visit [ABC.ky.gov](https://abc.ky.gov).

Kentucky high schools can apply for funding to support Project Graduation events. Project Graduation provides drug- and alcohol-free celebrations with activities and entertainment for high school seniors immediately following commencement. The [Project Graduation Application](#) is open now through Feb. 28, 2027.

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