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ATBHK Newsletter

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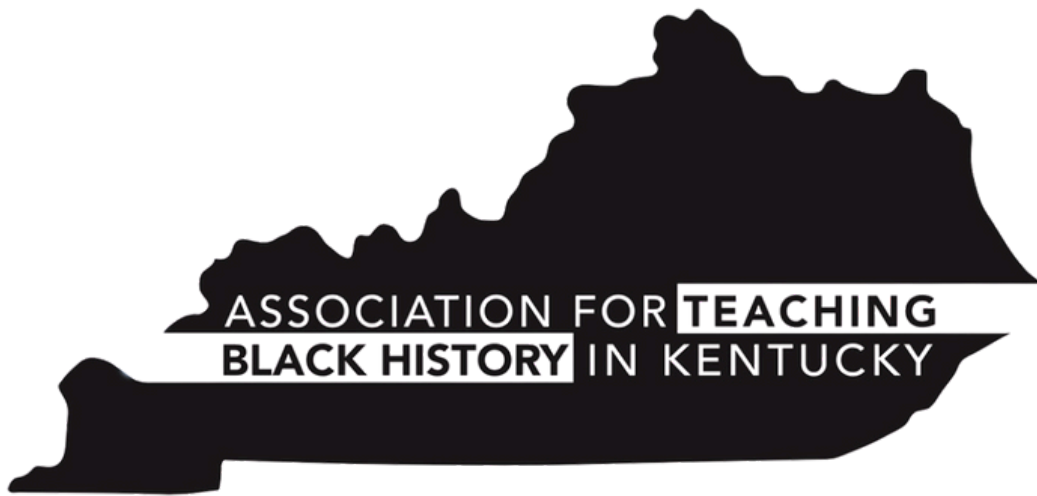


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Welcome Back!

As we begin a new semester, we hope each of you enjoyed a restful break, one filled with opportunities to recharge, reflect, and spend meaningful time with loved ones. As we move into the new year, the Association for Teaching Black History in Kentucky has an exciting lineup of programs and initiatives ahead, and we look forward to staying connected with you.

Be sure to keep an eye on our monthly newsletter for updates on upcoming professional development sessions, community gatherings, and networking opportunities designed to support educators across the Commonwealth.

There is still time to register for our annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Community Breakfast! We would love for you to join us for this time of reflection, learning, and community. Please read on for additional details and registration information.

ATBHK Educators Present at National Social Studies Conference in Washington, DC

In December, nearly twenty ATBHK educators attended the NCSS conference in Washington, D.C., where five were selected to present during the poster sessions. Hope Brown and Ahenewa El-Amin highlighted the history of Black Student Unions (BSUs) in the United States. Elise Carter and Lane Springer explored the intersections of Black history and Jewish history, while Elise also teamed up with Kim Yates to present on traditional African and African American foodways and geography. We are incredibly proud of the meaningful and impactful work our educators continue to do on behalf of ATBHK!



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Community Breakfast

YOU'RE INVITED!

The Association for Teaching Black History in Kentucky invites you to attend our annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Community Breakfast!

Please join us for food, fellowship, and to hear from the executive director of the bell hooks Institute, Dr. Linda Strong-Leek.



Monday, January 19, 2025
8:30 AM–11:00 AM
Boone Tavern Event Center
100 Main St.
Berea, KY 40403



All Attendees Must Register Here!

Now Accepting Applications for the 2025-2026 Mini- Grant Cycle

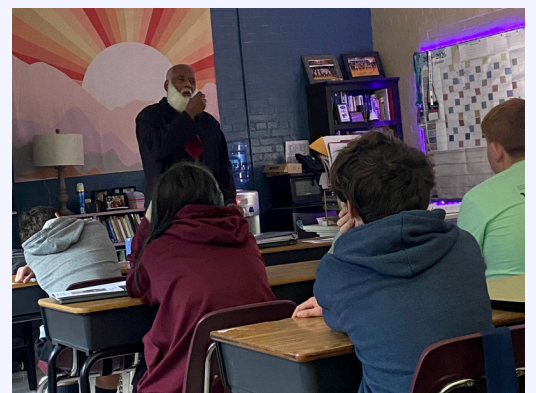
We are still accepting applications for our 2025-2026 mini-grant program! This grant is designed to support meaningful and creative approaches to teaching Black history in K-12 classrooms.

Educators can apply for up to \$750 to fund projects that deepen students' understanding of Black history, culture, and contributions. Whether you're building your classroom library, organizing a field trip, or designing hands-on learning experiences, this grant supports the meaningful work educators are doing to bring Kentucky's Black history to life in their classrooms.

Funds may be used for:

- Books and curriculum resources
- Field trips to museums or historical sites
- Classroom materials and supplies
- Guest speakers or virtual events
- Innovative classroom projects

Let's continue working together to ensure that Black history is a vital and celebrated part of every student's education.



MINI-GRANT PROGRAM

We are now accepting applications for our
\$750 mini-grant!

APPLY HERE!



FUNDS MAY BE USED FOR:

- BOOKS, FILMS, AND OTHER TEACHING MATERIALS
- FIELD TRIPS
- CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS
- SPECIAL PROJECTS, GUEST SPEAKERS, AND MORE!



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Professional Reading

Advocating for Teaching Honest History: What Educators Can Do

Learning for Justice's *Advocating for Teaching Honest History* is a comprehensive guide that empowers educators to support students' right to learn truthful, inclusive, and research-based history. It explains why teaching honest history is essential for building an equitable democracy, especially in a climate where some laws and policies seek to limit what schools can teach. The guide offers practical tools and strategies for educators to use in classrooms, engage families and colleagues, and advocate with school leaders and policymakers, emphasizing collaboration and community engagement to ensure all students receive a complete and accurate understanding of the past and its connection to the present.

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