

# **KRTA and AARP working together**

**2019-2020**

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## Our shared story continues...



**AARP's story began when our founder, Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus, launched the National Retired Teachers Association in 1947.**

**Today, we're still working together to help members and families right here at home in Kentucky.**

## AARP's 60th Anniversary

- Since its founding in 1958, AARP has fought to improve life for all Americans as they age.
- Aging is changing and the old rules no longer apply. 50 today looks very different from the 50 our parents and grandparents experienced.
- This new reality of aging requires a bold vision and an innovative approach to shape the future. That is why AARP collaborates with others nationwide and around the globe who have the same desire to challenge the status quo.

“If we are not content with things as they are, we must concern ourselves with things as they might become.”—Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus, founder of AARP





## KRTA and AARP Working Together

- AARP/KRTA Community Service Projects:
  - ✓ Grandparent Essay Contest
  - ✓ School Supply Drive - *over 2400 bags of supplies collected*
  - ✓ Yes, We Can Feed Kentucky! - *more than 23,000 food items collected*

*Please include mention of AARP Kentucky alongside KRTA and your unit in press releases/articles mentioning joint projects. We use your publicity to help report up the line.*



## 2019-20 Grandparent Essay Contest

### Purpose

- Honor role grandparents play
- Bring attention to number of students being raised by grandparents
- Educate principals and teachers about challenges of these students and grandparents
- Gain community service credit for participation



## Judging Criteria

60% Qualifying characteristics of nominee *as a grandparent*

20% Creativity & expression

20% Grammar, Form, & Neatness

## Contest Deadlines – entries to AARP by these dates

School winners: December 15, 2019

County winners: January 31, 2020

District winners: March 1, 2020

*State winner announced at the KRTA Annual Meeting in April 2020.*

## Technical Requirements

- Original work of the author
- Essay must be written about one and only one grandparent or surrogate grandparent who is alive at the time the essay is written
- 300-500 words in length, handwritten in English on one side only on white, lined 8"x11" paper
- Include the components of a formal essay, e.g., introduction, supporting points and conclusion
- Name and school of the author must be written at the end of the essay
- *Remember: teachers must submit school winner form ONLINE (to AARP) in addition to sending paper form & essay to local RTA*

***\*Entries must be submitted with an entry form***

## Awards

- Certificate to school winner/Certificate to school for participation of students
- Certificate with embossed cover to county winner
- Plaque & \$50 award to district winner
- Plaque, \$100 award, and expense paid trip to KRTA Convention for state winner & grandparent
- \$150 for winning student's teacher for school supplies
- \$150 drawing for school supplies for participating teachers



*2018-19 Winner, Sebastian Dazey and his grandfather, Danny Crunk*





# 2020 Census

April 1, 2020 is Census Day

**For the first time, Census 2020 will move beyond paper-based data collection.** Starting March 2020, most households will be invited to participate via postcards with unique ID#s mailed to their homes, and encouraged to respond by one of the following options:

- Online
- By phone
- Request a paper survey by mail



Now Hiring! The Census Bureau needs thousands of temporary workers.

The job begins on April 1, 2020 and ends in December of 2020.

Apply Online: <https://2020census.gov/jobs>



# AARP Will Fight to Protect our Healthcare

AARP will fight for legislation that:

- **Protects and improves Medicare's benefits and financing;**
- **Provides access to affordable quality coverage;**
- **Prevents insurers from engaging in discriminatory practices;**
- **Lowers prescription drug costs**
- **Provides new incentives to expand home and community based services and supports for family caregivers; and**
- **Strengthens efforts to fight fraud, waste, and abuse.**





## Caregiving / Prepare to Care

AARP is fighting to help seniors live independently and for the family caregivers who make it possible for them to stay in their homes

- **Telehealth**
- **Kentucky Family Caregivers Act**
- **Prepare to Care Presentations**
- **Family Caregiver Tax Credits**
- **IHeartCaregivers.org**



# Fraud Watch Network

AARP launched a national campaign to fight fraud and ID theft and give you access to information about how to protect yourself and your family.

- There were 23,707 fraud, identity theft, and consumer complaints in Kentucky last year totaling \$10.2M.
- The Fraud Watch Network will continue to be a watchdog and resource.
- You can now sign up to receive biweekly alerts from the AARP Fraud Watch Network. Text FWN to 50757. Message and data rates may apply.

[aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork](http://aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork)

If you or someone you know has been a victim of fraud, contact:

**877-908-3360.**



[www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org)



## Veterans & Family - Resources

AARP understands the needs of our Veterans, former Military, and their Families (VMF).

Visit our new Veterans resource page anytime: [www.aarp.org/veterans](http://www.aarp.org/veterans)



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# Engaging Voters

**AARP** has a 36 year history of non-partisan voter education. **AARP** does not endorse candidates or contribute to Political Action Committees.

**Government is broken:** Politicians don't seek common ground. They cast insults instead of creating results. It's time for politicians to put voters first and get to work.

**Issues Matter:** Critical issues like Rx prices, Medicare, Social Security, caregiving and our financial security are all on the line.

Watch: NEW Video Voter Guide

*AARP Asks the Candidates* Online: [aarp.org/KY](http://aarp.org/KY)

**Go have your say:** Every vote counts -- including yours.



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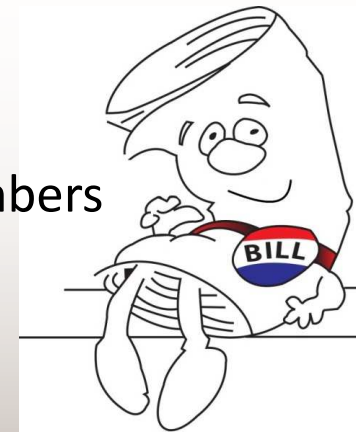
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## Grassroots Advocacy – A Voice for Change

AARP works for you and its members in Frankfort. With our grassroots activists, we engage on issues that matter most to persons 50-plus.

- AARP Kentucky with its grassroots citizen volunteers are working on a broad range of advocacy issues important to our 50-plus population in the Kentucky General Assembly and the Congress.
- For more than a decade, AARP Kentucky has focused on issues that matter most to our members and their families.





# Grassroots Advocacy – Priority Issues

## 2020 General Assembly: Priorities Issues

- Enhance Kentuckians' Financial Security in Retirement
- **Enact a plan to help workers save from their paychecks (Work & Save)**
- Reverse the tax changes made in 2018 that decreased the amount of tax free retirement income that can be claimed from \$41,110 to \$31,110
- Strengthen KY Teachers Retirement System Solvency
- Help make family caregivers by enacting, telehealth, guardianship, uniform power of attorney, and family caregiver tax credits.







## Grassroots Advocacy – Resources

### Stay Connected:

Governor Matt Bevin: 1-502-564-2611

Twitter: [Governor Matt Bevin \(@GovMattBevin\)](https://twitter.com/GovMattBevin)

Toll-free Legislative Message Line:

1-800-372-7181 • TTY 1-800-896-0305

Find Your Representatives Online: [www.lrc.ky.gov](http://www.lrc.ky.gov)

Follow AARP Kentucky: [www.aarp.org/ky](http://www.aarp.org/ky)

- [Facebook.com/AARPKentucky](https://www.facebook.com/AARPKentucky)
- Twitter: [@AARPKY](https://twitter.com/AARPKY)





## AARP Speaker Request

Contact AARP to schedule a guest presenter by calling 1-866-295-7275 (toll-free) or by emailing [kyaarp@aarp.org](mailto:kyaarp@aarp.org). Additional information may be found online at AARP Kentucky's website: [www.aarp.org/ky](http://www.aarp.org/ky)

All requests are approved based on speaker availability, location and group size. Although there is no charge for providing the speaker, **attendance at your event should be 25 or more people.**

*Speaker requests should be submitted four weeks in advance.*

## Staying Connected...



- AARP Kentucky: [www.aarp.org/ky](http://www.aarp.org/ky)
- Facebook.com/AARPKentucky
- Twitter: [@AARPKY](https://twitter.com/AARPKY)
- Toll-free: 1-866-295-7275
- Email [kyaarp@aarp.org](mailto:kyaarp@aarp.org)

## Are you an AARP Member?

When you join AARP, you also become a member of NRTA. Just call the membership number on the back of your card and ask to have NRTA added to the card.



**Last, but not least...**



*Thank you RTA Presidents.*

*Your continued support of  
AARP Kentucky makes our shared mission  
and community service possible.*

[www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org)