

Bluegrass Community Homeschool Senior Recognition 2026

Tates Creek Christian Church
3150 Tates Creek Road
Lexington, Kentucky 40503
Friday, May 8, 2026 at 6:30 pm

Senior Recognition is a time for families to:

- celebrate the completion of high school
- recognize student accomplishments with photos, bios, and mementos
- share an important milestone with family and friends
- highlight the uniqueness of homeschooling in high school

The Program

- Graduate Processional
- Welcome and Opening Prayer
- Short Musical Performance
- Brief Words of Wisdom from Graduation Speaker
- Recognition of Graduates
 - Parents and student meet on stage briefly
 - Diploma, memento, flowers, etc. may be exchanged before exiting stage.
 - Slide show simultaneously features photos of student with student bio and blessing played over audio.
- Transfer of the Tassels
- Closing Prayer
- Recessional
- Social time for pictures and graduate displays

Requirements (specific instructions on following pages):

Deadlines will be strictly enforced to ensure success of the event. Fees are nonrefundable.

★ Once you have registered and we have received your payment, we will email you a personal Google Drive link to upload your photos and recordings. They ***MUST be received by the dates listed to be included in the ceremony.***

- **Registration, Fee, and Senior Photo:** Online form, payment, and photo - *due April 1*
Register [HERE](#).
- **Student Bio:** Written and recorded by student as described below - *due April 20*
- **Parent Blessing:** Written and recorded by parent as described below - *due April 20*
- **Slide Presentation Photos:** 5 photos for the slide show (6 including Senior Photo) – *due April 20*
- **Mandatory Rehearsal:** For graduates and their parents from **5-6 PM before the ceremony**
- **Caps and Gowns:** required of all graduates, in any color. These may be ordered online or borrowed. Two of many online sources are <http://www.graduationsource.com> and <http://www.economycapandgown.com>.
- **Volunteer Responsibility:** Each family will be required to help in some way. Options are listed on the registration form.
- **Seating:** We anticipate a large number of seniors in 2026. Therefore, it is possible that seating may be limited. In this case, families will be allocated a specific number of tickets to distribute to family and friends after the registration deadline of April 1.

Optional Items:

- Announcements/invitations may be designed and sent out individually
- Honor cords, stoles, patches, or other graduate paraphernalia may be purchased
- Diplomas are **optional** and may be ordered online from several sources
- Display tables for graduate

A **photographer** will be included, and online photos will be available to all participants. There will also be a photo booth available in the lobby.

Registration, Fee, and Senior Photo (due April 1):

- To register, fill out this [FORM](#).
- Send participation fee to
 - BY PAYPAL: \$52 (\$62 nonmembers) [paypal.me/bluegrassunited](https://www.paypal.me/bluegrassunited) with “Senior Recognition and student’s name in message”
 - BY CHECK: \$50 (\$60 nonmembers) Bluegrass United, 105 Foaling Ridge Dr, Nicholasville, KY 40356 or bring payment to BU Electives
- Upload Senior Photo to your personal link with the graduate’s name in the subject line. The photo should be sufficient quality for display on the projector screen. ***Upload a jpg file titled with graduate’s name as lastname.firstname.jpg.***

Student Bio Recording (due April 20):

- Students will write and record a student bio to play as student is recognized. The recording should be ***no more than 30 seconds***. Recordings on a smartphone with a free voice recording app are ideal, but computer recordings may work as well. Recordings will be rejected if they do not follow the standards outlined below.
- Upload recordings to your personal link with graduate’s name in the subject line. Label file as lastname.firstname.bio.m4a

Example student bio: During the last four years taking homeschool classes, I have spent most of my time stressing about my next paper or wondering if I’ll ever figure out one of those impossible math problems. I have also learned, however, that hard work, even when it seems like the most miserable kind of work, has prepared me for the next stage and made the transition easier. I want to thank all my teachers and my parents for helping me along the way and being there for me. I feel so blessed to have been part of this community and I hope to continue to be surrounded by similar people throughout my life.
-He must increase, I must decrease.

Parent Blessing Recording (due April 20):

- Parents will write and record a blessing to play as student is recognized. The recording should be ***no more than 30 seconds***. Recordings on a smartphone with a free voice recording app are ideal, but computer recordings may work as well. Recordings will be rejected if they do not follow the standards outlined below.
- Upload recordings to your personal link with graduate’s name in the subject line. Label file as lastname.firstname.blessing.m4a

Example parent blessing: It is with joy that we arrive at this milestone! Our journey began in a far away place and you have come a long, long way! We are proud of the young lady that you have grown to be and you have been an excellent student. Your gift of attentiveness to detail has caused you to reach out in helpful ways that are known by everyone who knows you. Thank you for doing your best always. It

hasn't been an easy road, but you have embraced the challenges with resolve. Thank you for being the thoughtful person that you are. God has a bright future for you. "Those who wait upon the Lord, shall renew their strength, They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31

Pronunciation Example Recording (due April 20):

- Parents or students will record an audio file with correct pronunciation of students FULL NAME as they would like it read. For example, Thomas Alva Edison. This will be recorded by an announcer for continuity in the program. This recording is to ensure that the student's name is read and pronounced correctly.
- Submit recordings as mp3 files attached to your personal link with graduate's name in the subject line. Label file as lastname.firstname.m4a

Recording Specifications:

- Student bio and parent blessing must be 30 seconds or less. ***RECORDINGS LONGER THAN 30 SECONDS WILL BE REJECTED.***
- Files should be made with a free voice recorder app on a smartphone or a similar computer software program.
- Acceptable files are m4a, mp4, or mp3.
- Please listen to the recording and ensure that there is no static or extra noise. Voice should be clearly audible.
- Recording should be loud and clear with the same audio level throughout. Low quality recordings will not be accepted.
- If you are unable to obtain an acceptable recording, email bluegrassunited@gmail.com to set up a time to record your materials during BU Electives.

Slide Presentation Photos (due April 20)

- Submit photos as jpeg files uploaded to your personal link
- Graduates will need 5 photos (in addition to the senior photo due at registration). Typically these include a baby or toddler photo (birth -3), a childhood photo (4-9), and tween photo (10-12), and photos from high school (extracurricular such as sports, scouting, music, etc). The senior photo will also be included in the slide show for a total of 6 photos. These are just suggestions, and you are free to choose any 5 photos you like.
- Ensure that scanned photos are of sufficient quality for display on a projector screen.
- ***Photos should be jpg files. Label each file as lastname.firstname1.jpg, lastname.firstname2.jpg and so on*** with the numbers indicating the order in which you would like the photos displayed.

Student Displays (optional)

- There will be 6 foot tables provided in the Hearth Room to highlight memories of the school years with 2 students sharing a single table. Plan on having a 3-foot space for display. If space allows, you may be allotted a larger display area.
- Displays must be set up from 3-5 PM and removed by 9 PM.
- Tables MUST be requested on the registration form.
- Many students use tri-fold science boards to display photos and mementos.