

Kentucky State Flag

Bluegrass State • Capital: Frankfort • Statehood: 1792

Overview

On blue, the state seal depicts a frontiersman and statesman clasping hands, ringed by the words “United We Stand, Divided We Fall.” Goldenrod sprays encircle the emblem. A flag of union, it emphasises community and resilience.

Flag specifications

Adopted: 1918-03-26
Designer: Jesse Cox Burgess
Ratio: 10:19
Blue field with state seal encircled by goldenrod and motto.

Colors

  
#002D72 #FFD700 #FFFFFF

Symbolism

seal with handshake	Represents all people of Kentucky.
motto	'United we stand, divided we fall.'
goldenrod	State flower encircles the seal.

Historical timeline

- 1792: Kentucky admitted as 15th state.
- 1918: Flag officially adopted.

Notable facts

- Kentucky was the first state west of the Appalachian Mountains.
- Motto emphasizes unity and strength.
- The state seal is the central element of the flag.
- A frontiersman and a statesman shake hands as a symbol of unity.
- The phrase 'United We Stand, Divided We Fall' appears on the seal.
- The blue field represents loyalty and trust.
- The flag was officially adopted in 1918.
- The design is based on Kentucky's state seal.

Seal deep dive

stateSeal

The Kentucky state seal centered on a blue field.
Meaning: Unity between frontier settlers and statesmen, symbolizing cooperation and common purpose

figures

A frontiersman and a statesman facing each other in a gesture of unity.
Meaning: Balance between pioneer spirit and civil governance

motto

The state motto encircling the seal: 'United We Stand, Divided We Fall'.
Meaning: Emphasis on unity, solidarity, and mutual dependence

Vexillology notes

Design type: State seal on blue field
Complexity: 8/10

