



## Trey Grayson

Secretary of State Trey Grayson was elected to office in November of 2003 in his first run for political office and at the time of his election was the youngest Secretary of State in the country. In 2007, he became one of only two Republican state-wide elected constitutional officers to win a second consecutive term in modern history. Since taking office, Grayson has quickly become a national leader in elections, civics, business services, and government innovation.

Grayson has modernized the Office of the Secretary of State by bringing more services online, enhanced Kentucky's election laws through several legislative packages, and revived the civic mission of schools in Kentucky by leading the effort to restore civics education in the classroom.

Secretary Grayson's colleagues have asked him to serve in a variety of prominent national leadership positions, most notably as President-elect of the [National Association of Secretaries of State \(NASS\)](#) and as the past chair of the Republican Association of Secretaries of State. A former NASS Treasurer, chair of the NASS Elections committee, vice-chair of the NASS committee on voter participation, and NASS representative on the [Council of State Government Executive Committee](#), Grayson also serves on the NASS standing committee on business services and the NASS executive committee. Grayson is currently a co-chair of the NASS Presidential Primary subcommittee where he serves as a national authority on Presidential Primary Reform.

Secretary Grayson has been recognized as one of the top new leaders in the United States. In 2005, he was selected for the inaugural class of the [Aspen-Rodel Fellowships in Public Leadership](#) which recognizes the nation's top young elected officials. In 2004, [The Council of State Governments](#) selected him to participate in the prestigious [Toll Fellowship Program](#), and he was recognized at the 2004 Republican National Convention by [United Leaders](#) as a "Rising Star" in the Republican Party.

In 2004, Grayson became a member of the Senior Advisory Committee to Harvard University's [Institute of Politics](#), serving alongside political notables such as Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao and Senator Edward Kennedy. Grayson also serves on a variety of advisory boards to several national, election-related organizations including [Just Democracy](#) and the steering committee for the [Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools](#).

In his first term, Secretary Grayson has received accolades for a number of accomplishments. During his tenure Grayson has:

- ▶ Led the effort to increase the [civic literacy and engagement](#) of Kentucky's citizens – a movement that has been recognized as a national model; and

- ▶ Launched several new online election services including the [Voter Information Center](#), which allows Kentuckians to check their voter registrations and obtain other specific information pertinent to voters; and
- ▶ Led the successful effort to update Kentucky's election laws including a repeal of taxpayer funded gubernatorial campaigns in the Commonwealth and the establishment of a 300 foot electioneering-free buffer zone around the polls. He has also led Kentucky's successful implementation of the Help America Vote Act; and
- ▶ Re-designed the Office of the Secretary of State's website to include a variety of new online services including: translation into six new languages, the [Governor's Executive Journal](#), [Enacted Legislation](#), additional [Land Grant documents](#), and a [summonses tracking service](#). The site was recognized as one of the [top government websites in the country](#) after its completion; and
- ▶ Placed thousands of business documents online, including popular documents such as the Certificate of Existence and the Certificate of Authorization. In addition, started placing images of all documents online in real time as they are filed; and
- ▶ Led a number of other initiatives including: the release of a [study on female elected officials](#) and a study on diversity of leaders in the Commonwealth which contained valuable information to empower the next generation of leaders to run for office, the establishment of the [Cradle to College Commission](#) with former treasurer Jonathan Miller to explore unique ways of funding higher education, and the execution of the [National Student/Parent Mock Election in Kentucky](#).

A product of the [Kenton County public school system](#), Secretary Grayson was inducted into the [Kentucky Association for Academic Competition](#) Hall of Fame for his achievements in the Governor's Cup and other academic competitions at [Dixie Heights High School](#). Grayson was a 1989 [Governor's Scholar](#) and later served as President of the Program's Alumni Association.

Secretary Grayson graduated with honors from [Harvard College](#) (A.B., Government, 1994) and from the [University of Kentucky](#) (J.D. 1998, M.B.A., 1998) where he was one of the first Kentucky MBA scholars and one of the first two Bert Combs Scholars, the [College of Law's](#) top scholarship. Prior to his election, he was an attorney with [Greenebaum Doll & McDonald](#) and [Keating, Muething & Klekamp](#), where he focused on estate planning and corporate law.

Secretary Grayson has served on the boards of a number of non-profit organizations, including the [Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program](#), the [Commonwealth Fund for KET](#), the [Kentucky Symphony](#), the Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education, the [New Hope Center](#), the [ConnectKentucky](#) steering committee, the [Global Center of Greater Cincinnati](#) Advisory Committee and the [Kentucky Workforce Investment Board](#). He is a 2002 graduate of [Leadership Kentucky](#) and a 2000 graduate of [Leadership Northern Kentucky](#). He is also a founding member of [Legacy](#), a young professional organization in Northern Kentucky.

In Kentucky, some of his notable honors include his selection as one of forty-four “Kentucky Leaders for the New Century” by the [Kentucky Press Association](#) and the Shakertown Roundtable, and as an Outstanding Young Kentuckian by the [Kentucky Jaycees](#).

In 2006, Grayson chaired the [Kentucky Employees Charitable Campaign](#), a partnership of Kentucky state employees and six accredited state-wide charities, who together work to make a significant difference in the lives of our families, friends and neighbors throughout the Commonwealth. Under his leadership, the campaign raised over \$1.33 million for charities such as the [Christian Appalachian Project](#), [Community Health Charities](#), [Easter Seals of Kentucky](#), [Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky](#), the [WHAS Crusade for Children](#), and the [United Way of Kentucky](#).

Secretary Grayson is a fifth generation Kentuckian and lifelong resident of Northern Kentucky. With his election, Grayson became the first Northern Kentuckian to be elected to an existing statewide constitutional office since 1919, and during both of his races, he was endorsed by every newspaper editorial board in Kentucky that made endorsements for Secretary of State.

Grayson is married to the former Nancy Humphrey of Lexington. Mrs. Grayson currently serves a number of statewide and community organizations including the [Kentucky Nature Preserves Commission](#), the [Northern Kentucky Montessori Center](#), and the [Family Nurturing Center](#), an organization dedicated to ending the cycle of child abuse.

The Graysons currently reside in Boone County with their two daughters, Alex and Kate.