

## Program overview

The AEP program is designed to combat the problem of underage drinking and other high-risk behavior by providing education about the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

In South Carolina, convictions for alcohol-related charges can result in fines, incarceration, a suspended driver's license, and loss of scholarships and financial aid. A criminal record can have long-term repercussions when seeking employment.

AEP offers an alternative to a conviction by offering guidance and education, while holding the offender accountable for their actions through required community service.

The program is offered under the authority of the Fourteenth Circuit Solicitor's Office and the South Carolina Commission on Prosecution Coordination with collaboration and cooperation among the courts, law enforcement agencies and community service organizations.

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Office of the Solicitor  
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## Enrollment/Fees

In Beaufort County, orientation is held at 3:00 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of every month (excluding holidays) at our office in the Beaufort County Courthouse, 102 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, SC. In Allendale, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper counties, orientation times vary. Please contact the program director to schedule a time.

Please arrive 15 minutes early and bring the following:

- Driver's license or government-issued ID;
- Social Security Card or verification of your SSN;
- \$250 cashier's check or money order.

Please note that the providers of the alcohol classes assess an additional charge, currently \$125 for Beaufort County participants and \$100 for participants in the four other counties of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit.

**Please note that AEP is not open to anyone charged with DUI/DUAC.**

## Requirements

Participants must enroll in AEP through the Solicitor's Office after receiving a referral from the court in which the charges originated. Individual contracts are provided to each participant. Contracts must be signed.

All participants must complete the following:

- The **Alive at 25** traffic education program;
- Eight (8) hours of substance-abuse education through the Beaufort County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Department (or similar county agency designated by the program director);
- Twenty (20) hours of community service at an approved organization.

## Eligibility

To qualify for AEP, an offender must:

- Be between 17 and 20 years old;
- Be charged with an alcohol related-crime, such as minor in possession of beer/alcohol, open container of alcohol, possession of a fake or altered ID, public disorderly conduct, public drunkenness or littering;
- Have a court referral.

## Contact us

### Mailing Address

P.O. Box 1880  
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### Physical Location

102 Ribaut Road  
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