
ENROLLMENT/FEES

In Beaufort County, orientation is held at 3 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of every month (excluding holidays) at our Bluffton office, 39 Sheridan Park Drive, Suite 2.

In Allendale, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper Counties, orientation times vary. Please contact the program director to schedule a time.

Please arrive a few minutes early and bring the following:

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

Please note that there are additional costs charged by the alcohol class providers. It is currently \$125 for Beaufort County participants and \$100 for participants in the four other counties of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit.

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Alcohol Education Program



Program Overview

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Program Overview

The Alcohol Education Program is designed to combat the problem of underage drinking and other high-risk behavior by providing eye-opening 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 the loss of scholarships and financial aid. Also, 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.

ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for AEP, the offender must meet the following requirements:

- Is between 17– and 20-years-old
- Is 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
- Has a referral from the court

Please note that people charged with DUI/DUAC are NOT eligible for AEP.



REQUIREMENTS

The participant must enroll in AEP through the Solicitor's Office after receiving a referral from the court where the charges originated.

Participants will sign and receive copies of their contracts, which detail the program requirements and a plan for successful completion,

All participants must complete:

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