

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 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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Alcohol Education Program



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If the offender fails to comply with ALL program requirements, the case will be returned to court for prosecution.

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

Requirements

- Driver's license or government-issued ID;
- Social Security card or verification of your SSN
- Court referral
- Complete and signed application
- \$250 non-refundable participation fee.
- Complete 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.

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