

7th Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Intervention Programs

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Alcohol Education Program

What is the Alcohol Education Program "AEP"?

AEP is a diversion program for non-violent criminal offenders. The program allows the participant to perform community service work, receive educational or counseling services, and return to society without a permanent criminal record. Participants must not pose a threat to society or have a significant criminal history. Offenders may participate in this program only once. AEP is a self supporting program under the supervision of the 7th Circuit Solicitor's Office and made possible by the cooperation of judicial, law enforcement, and community service agencies.

How does the program work?

Once a person applies to the program, the office will begin the intake process. This process takes up to 2 weeks and the decision of acceptance is determined by the Solicitor's Office. Applicants and participants remain responsible for any court dates. An applicant will be notified by mail of rejection or acceptance to the program. If accepted, the applicant is responsible for contacting the case manager.

How do I apply?

You must bring the following to apply:

\$250.00 Money Order or Certified Check payable to SIP

Copy of Warrant(s)/Ticket(s)

Picture ID (Driver's License, State or School ID)

Social Security Card

Referral from Judge

Applications are accepted at the Spartanburg Office Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM and in the Cherokee Office Tuesday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Who can apply?

If you have been charged/arrested with a non-violent Alcohol offense and you do not have significant criminal or prior alcohol arrests or convictions on your record, you may be eligible.

Program Requirements

- Community Service
- Random Drug Screens
- Prison Presentation
- Employed or Attend School
- Counseling / Educational Programs
- Must be 18 - 20 years old

Any new arrests or failure to complete program requirements will result in termination from the program, and the case will be returned to court for prosecution. Upon successful completion of AEP, the charge(s) will be dismissed and the participant will be eligible to apply for an expungement to remove the charge(s) from public record(s) for an additional fee.

How much does the program cost?

Application.....\$250.00

Education.....Cost Varies

Expungement.....\$250.00 Optional

Filing.....\$35.00 Optional

There may be additional costs for restitution, education programs, and/or counseling services.

All fees are **non-refundable**.

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