

# 7th Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Intervention Programs

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## Traffic Education Program

### What is the Traffic Education Program "TEP"?

TEP 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 traffic record. Participants must not pose a threat to society or have a significant criminal history. Offenders may participate in this program only once. TEP 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. Applicants and participants remain responsible for any court dates. An applicant will be notified by mail of rejection or acceptance. If accepted, the applicant is responsible for contacting the case manager and scheduling an initial appointment within 5 days of acceptance.

### How do I apply?

You must bring the following to apply:

\$140.00 Money Order or Certified Check payable to TEP

\$140.00 Money Order or Certified Check payable to Office of Treasurer of Court where charged (i.e., Treasurer of Spartanburg/Cherokee County, Spartanburg City Treasurer, etc.)

Copy of Warrant(s)/Ticket(s)

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

Certified copy of DMV driving record, if out-of-state resident

Social Security Card

Signed Referral from Court

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?

You may be eligible if you have been charged/arrested with a 4 point or less traffic offense, you do not have any significant criminal arrests or convictions on your record, and have a drivers license. A CDL license is not accepted.

### Program Requirements

- Community Service
- Employed or Attend School
- Counseling / Educational Programs

The length of TEP is determined by participant progress. 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 TEP 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.....	\$140.00
Participation.....	\$140.00
Education.....	Cost Varies
Expungment.....	\$250.00 Optional
Filing.....	\$35.00 Optional
Defensive Driving Course 4 Hours	
Community Service	4 Hours

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

All fees are **non-refundable**.

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