

Fairmont State University Board of Governors
Policy #5
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TITLE: USE OF ALCOHOL AT UNIVERSITY EVENTS

Alcoholic beverages are defined as alcoholic liquor, wine or beer. The legal age in West Virginia for the purchase or use of alcohol is 21. Possession or use of alcoholic beverages on state property is prohibited, except in designated residence halls for upperclass or adult students. Waiver of this policy to permit limited use (non-sale) of alcohol at student and/or non-student special events is allowable at the discretion of the President of the University, per the Guidelines for the Use of Alcohol at University Events.

Anyone involved in a disruptive situation while under the influence of alcohol at a university-sponsored event is considered to be in violation of university regulations and may be subject to discipline.

For special university events, a location may be designated as one where the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages by those of legal drinking age is permitted. Such occasions must be registered, approved, and advertised at least ten days in advance of an event at which alcohol may be consumed. Attendees who have reached the age designated by the state (twenty-one years of age) for the legal consumption of alcoholic beverages may possess and consume alcoholic beverages at special university events registered and approved by the President of the University. The use of common containers of alcoholic beverages such as kegs, punch bowls, or party balls, the use of pure grain alcohol by individuals or organizations, the use of devices such as funnels and beer bongs designed for the rapid consumption of alcohol, and drinking games are prohibited on campus or at any event sponsored by a student organization off campus. Any subterfuge or device to evade the spirit of the policy prohibiting the use of common containers or the provision of alcoholic beverages at designated functions will subject students and organizations to disciplinary action. Any time alcoholic beverages are served or permitted, food and alternative non-alcoholic beverages must also be served during the entire period that alcoholic beverages are available.

The sale of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.

To seek authorization to serve alcohol for an event, the officers of the student organization or area manager for an employee event, must obtain the Permit for Alcoholic Beverages Request Form from the Office of the President or designee, and secure the approval by signature of their faculty advisor or school chair respectively. If student sponsored, the Permit for Alcoholic Beverages Request Form must be submitted to the Vice President for Student Affairs for preliminary recommendation to the President. Upon signature of the Vice President, the completed form must be submitted to the President of the University for final approval no fewer than ten school days in advance of the event. If university or employee sponsored (non-student), the Permit for

Alcoholic Beverages Request Form must be submitted directly to the President of the University for final approval no fewer than ten work days in advance of the event.

The group hosting the event is responsible for ensuring compliance with university policies and state and local law.

Additional regulations will be developed at the request of the President of the University and reviewed on an annual basis or as necessary. In all cases, the President's decision to grant or deny a permit shall be final.