

Policy Name: Events with Alcohol Policy

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Policy Statement

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Holy Family University is committed to promoting the personal responsibility and respect for the well-being of self and peers. The Events with Alcohol Policy seeks to care and support the University community by establishing guidelines for the legal and responsible use of alcoholic beverages at University events hosted and attended by students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the general public.

The following guidelines apply to any event held on University property:

- Event sponsors must remain in attendance for the duration of the event.
- No alcoholic beverages may be served to a person who appears to be intoxicated. Without exception, alcohol service must end 30 minutes prior to the event end time.
- Possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages is only permitted within the approved area designated for the event. No persons shall be permitted to exit this area with an alcoholic beverage. The area must include adequate signage indicating such boundaries.
- In compliance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, no person under twenty-one years of age shall attempt or carry out the purchase, possession, consumption or transport of alcoholic beverages. No student shall attempt or carry out the transfer of any form of identification for the purpose of falsifying age in order to secure alcohol. No student shall give permission or render assistance in the sale, furnishing, or providing of alcohol to any person under twenty-one years of age.
- Beer and wine are the only alcoholic beverages permitted to be served at events.
- No kegs are permitted, only cans and bottles of beer or wine by the glass may be served.
- Non-alcoholic beverages and food items must be available at all events where and when alcohol is available.
- The University reserves the right to deny the use of alcohol for any event. The ability to host with alcohol needs to be approved by the Vice President for Finance and Administration as well as determine the level of Public Safety necessary for the event.

The University provides services and resources for community members who experience alcohol and/or other drug related difficulties. The following programs are available for students:

- Alcoholics Anonymous – aa.org
- College and Universities Alcoholics Anonymous - jeremyfrankphd.com/college-and-university-alcoholics-anonymous-meetings

- Southeastern Pennsylvania Intergroup Association of Alcoholics Anonymous - sepennaa.org;
- Al-Anon – pa-al-anon.org
- Narcotics Anonymous – naworks.org
- ULifeline - ulifeline.org
- Friends Hospital CRC – 1- (800) 889-0548 or (215) 831-2600
- Bucks County Mental Health Delegate - 1-800-499-7455

Holy Family University reserves the right to sanction students who violate the law and/or our Alcohol Policies (both on and off campus). Violations may result in the full range of sanctions such as warnings, fines, disciplinary probation (plus other disciplinary measures) up to and including suspension or expulsion from the University. Subsequent violations, excessive quantities of alcohol, and/or aggravating factors will result in more severe sanctions.

Procedures:

For all University-sponsored events where alcohol is to be served, event organizers (faculty, staff and/or Registered Student Organization Advisor and student leaders) must seek approval from the senior leader of their area (e.g., Dean of a School or Vice President of an administrative unit) prior to moving forward with the following steps:

1. Notify in writing with the Vice President for Finance and Administration prior to event for approval process and specific requirements. Permit requests may take up to 6 weeks to process.
2. Contact and contract Holy Family Dining Services for serving any alcohol beverages during an event. TIPS-trained servers are required to be hired and managed by Holy Family Dining Services. Event sponsors will be charged for their service. Off-campus vendors can be used only if Holy Family Dining Services cannot provide the requested services. Event sponsors must work closely with the Vice President for Finance and Administration to obtain required waivers.
3. Event sponsors are responsible for purchasing all alcoholic beverages for their events using a University-issued Purchasing Card. Alcoholic beverages purchased with personal funds will not be reimbursed by the University. All alcoholic beverages must be purchased in Pennsylvania. Following a University-sponsored event, any leftover alcoholic beverages will be retained by Holy Family University and stored under the direction of the Vice President for Finance and Administration for use at other University-sponsored events.
4. The use of off-campus facilities to host an event with alcohol requires a contract between the facility and the University. The facility may ask for a certificate of insurance (COI). Only the Vice President for Finance and Administration can sign contracts and provide a COI on behalf of the University.

References

As noted in our Annual Safety Report, there are state and local laws including, but not limited to, Title 18 (Pennsylvania Crimes Code) and Title 75 (the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code) that impose significant criminal penalties if violated:

Title 18: Note, in particular, Sections 5505 (Public Drunkenness); 6307 (Misrepresentation of Age to Purchase Liquor or Malt Policies, Regulations, Statements and Guidelines Brewed Beverages (Beer)); 6308 (Purchase, Consumption, Possession or Transportation of Liquor or Malt or Brewed Beverage by a Minor); 6310.1 (Selling or Furnishing Liquor or Malt or Brewed Beverages to Minors); 6310.7 (Selling or Furnishing Non-Alcoholic Beverages to Persons Under 21); 6310.2 (Manufacture or Sale of False Identification Card); 6310.3 (Carrying a False ID); and, 3809 (Restriction on Alcoholic Beverages (Open Container)). Title 75: Note, in particular, Sections 3718 (Minor Prohibited from Operating with Any Alcohol in System); 3802 (Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Controlled Substance); 3802(a) (General Impairment); 3802(b) (High Rate of Alcohol); 3802(c) (Highest Rate of Alcohol); 3802(d) (Controlled Substances); 3802 (e) (Minors); 3802(f) (Commercial or School Vehicles); 3735 (Homicide by Vehicle While Driving under the Influence); and, 3735.1 (Aggravated Assault by Vehicle while Driving under the Influence).