## YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS PLEA

A 12 hour class provided on Saturday and Sunday administered
By
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## **CLASS DESCRIPTION**

- The Youthful Offenders Plea is an Alcohol Education Program for first time Offenders for Underage Drinking, Public Drunkenness, or Using Fake ID's.
- The Program Offers Offenders an Alternative to a Driver's License suspension. Participants will develop an understanding of the negative impact Underage Drinking has on Families, Education, Personal Well-Being and Achievement of long term goals.
- The Program emphasizes that Underage Drinking is an Illegal Act with serious consequences.
- The Program's Objectives are attained through Education, Self Assessment, Group Discussion and Skills-Based Training.

 Parents of Minors (those under the age of 18) will be required to sign permission for their son or daughter to attend; no individual under the age of 16 is eligible for this program.

## **PROCEDURE**

Following your arrest you need to contact the District Justice Magistrate's office IMMEDIATELY and request a summary trial hearing for the underage offense and advise you are participating in the Youthful Offenders Program.

Submit a completed YOP application and full payment (\$175 via money order) to CMSU to take the Youthful Offender Program. YOP applications can be obtained from BU Office of Student Standards, Student Standards website, area police departments (and website) and CMSU website. After CMSU receives your application and payment, you will be contacted and scheduled for classes.

Participants must complete classes within 30 days of the citation and prior to the date of SUMMARY TRIAL. Failure to comply with this time frame makes you ineligible for class participation as part of an appeal process following the summary trial date.

If you are cited again for Underage Alcohol, Fake ID or Public Drunkenness before successful completion of the program, you will be disqualified and forfeit all fees previously paid. Additionally, if you fail to attend scheduled classes, or attend only one day of two scheduled, you must pay the additional fee of \$175.00 to reschedule.

CMSU will notify the arresting police agency of your successful completion of the course. At your scheduled summary trial, YOU WILL PLEAD GUILTY TO A DISORDERLY exchange CONDUCT in withdrawal of the underage citation AND PAY ALL FINES IN FULL. (NO PAYMENT PLAN) The drivers license suspension connected to Underage Offense is averted and you can petition for your record to be expunged if you remain arrest free for five years.

Applications along with your <u>Money</u> <u>Order</u> For \$175.00 made payable to CMSU YOP Program can be sent to CMSU YOP Program, PO Box 219, Danville, PA 17821

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