

Auburn University Campus Alcohol Policy

I. POLICY STATEMENT

The possession, consumption, and/or distribution of alcoholic beverages by students, employees, and visitors is prohibited on Auburn University property, with limited exceptions.

II. POLICY PRINCIPLES

- A. Auburn University is an alcohol-free campus, including all University-owned housing except the President's House.
- B. Leased property is excluded from this policy.
- C. Research studies with volunteer human subjects involving alcohol that have approved protocols through the [Auburn University Institutional Review Board \(IRB\)](#) are excluded from this policy.
- D. Exceptions to this policy may only be requested by University Schools, Colleges, divisions, departments and units (Event Sponsor) and granted if all of the following conditions are met:
 - 1. The event is approved by the appropriate [Event Management Committee](#) members.
 - 2. The alcohol is served by a [University-licensed caterer or bartending service](#), which must be registered with the [AU Vendor Center](#) prior to receiving any payment from Auburn University.
 - 3. The event sponsor and University-licensed caterer agree to comply with the University's [Requirements for Serving Alcohol at Auburn University](#) and the [Drug-Free Campus and Workplace Policy](#).
 - 4. The use of alcoholic beverages on University property remains in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.
 - 5. The alcohol is not purchased with state funds, either directly or indirectly.

III. EFFECTIVE DATE

April 24, 2015

IV. APPLICABILITY

All Students, Employees, Visitors, Groups and Organizations on University property.

V. POLICY MANAGEMENT

Responsible Office: Risk Management and Safety

Responsible Executive: Chief Operating Officer of Auburn University

Responsible Officer: Executive Director of Risk Management and Safety

VI. POLICY PROCEDURES

- A. Event Sponsors seeking an exception to this policy must first complete a [Request to Serve Alcohol at Auburn University](#) form and apply online and be approved through the [Event Planning System](#).
- B. For any event at a University-owned location approved under University policy for the use and consumption of alcohol where alcohol is provided in return for the giving of some consideration (e.g., cash bar, paying for a dinner ticket, donations made in return for drink tickets, fundraising events, etc.) the registrant must obtain a Special Event License from the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board through an approved caterer. This process can take up to 6-8 weeks so planning well in advance for this requirement will be necessary.

- C. For events to be held on premises owned by the University (e.g. The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center, Auburn Arena, and the Jule Collins Smith Museum), that are already licensed by the ABC Board under a Special Retail License, the Event Sponsor must use the services of the license holder for the distribution of alcohol. This rule applies even if no consideration is given for distribution of alcohol (e.g., a wedding reception).
- D. For events held at a University-owned location approved in accordance with this policy for the use and consumption of alcohol, but not already licensed by the ABC Board, where the event is not open to the public (e.g., a donor recognition event, private party or other event with a guest list), and where no consideration is given by the guest for the alcohol (e.g., a wedding reception with an open bar), and where the alcohol was not purchased by the caterer, no license for the distribution of alcohol is required. However, the additional requirements set out below will still apply to the conduct of the event:
1. The Event Sponsor (registrant) is responsible for compliance with all open container laws.
 2. The Event Sponsor (registrant) is responsible for laws concerning possession or consumption by minors.
 3. The University may grant or deny requests for the use or consumption of alcohol on property owned by it in its sole and absolute discretion.
 4. Auburn University does not assume any responsibility for ensuring that the Event Sponsor follows applicable laws and regulations regarding the use, sale or consumption of alcohol.
 5. A University-licensed caterer or bartending service must be used.

VII. SANCTIONS

Violators of this policy are subject to the enforcement of Alabama state law governing the use of alcohol by appropriate city, county, and state officers, irrespective of any additional action that the University may consider appropriate under the disciplinary policies governing students and employees.

[SUBMIT AN AUBURN UNIVERSITY EVENT REQUEST FORM](#)

Related Policies:

- [A Drug Free Campus and Workplace Policy](#)
- [Athletic Event Alcohol Policy](#)
- [Drug and Alcohol Testing Program Policy](#)
- [Policy on Parent Notification of Alcohol and Drug Incidents](#)
- [Residence Hall Alcohol Policy](#)

Related Information:

- [AU Vendor Center](#)
- [Event Management Protocol](#)
- [Event Management Committee](#)
- [Event Management Objectives](#)
- [Auburn University License for Catered Food and Beverage Events](#)
- [Request to Serve Alcohol at Auburn University](#)
- [Requirements for Serving Alcohol at Auburn University](#)
- [Responsibilities of an Organizer/Host](#)