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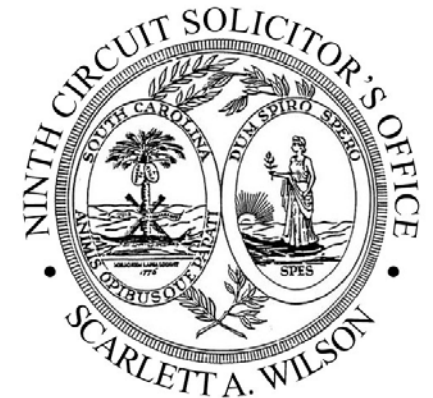
Safer roads and highways through driving education is the primary objective of the Ninth Circuit Traffic Education Program (TEP). At some point in their lives, most drivers receive a minor traffic citation. TEP gives good drivers with no points against their license a chance to give back to the community, become a better driver and avoid increased insurance premiums by keeping their driving record clean. I encourage you to take advantage of this one-time opportunity to clear your driving record and hope you will help make Charleston and Berkeley County's roads safer for us all.

# TRAFFIC EDUCATION PROGRAM

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Ninth Judicial Circuit



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## **What is the Traffic Education Program?**

The Traffic Education Program was established in South Carolina to educate the drivers while giving them the opportunity to have eligible tickets dismissed and to keep their driving records clean.

### **Eligibility**

- No outstanding points on driving record
- Ticket must be a point violation
- Violation must be four points or less

### **Requirements**

- Complete four hours community service for a non-profit organization.
- Attend a four hour defensive driving education class.

### **Length of Program**

The participant must complete the program within 120 days from enrollment.

### **Procedures for Local Participants**

1. The Summary Court or Municipal Court Judge will give the participants a date and time to apply at the TEP office.
2. Application Requirements:
  - **Applications are accepted on Fridays from 9:00 to 3:00.**
  - Two money orders made payable to the TEP for \$140.00 each (total amount of \$280.00)
  - Driver's license (or picture ID)
  - Social Security Card
3. A driving record will be run by the TEP at the time of application to assure that there are no current points against the applicant's driver's license
4. If eligible, each participant will be given dates and deadlines for completing community service and defensive driving education classes.

### **Out of County Participants**

The TEP office will mail an application for the applicant to complete and return to the TEP office. If eligible, the applicant will be advised to contact the TEP office in their county for a date and time to attend a defensive driving education class and to complete community service hours.

### **Out of State Participants**

The TEP office will mail an application for the applicant to complete and return to the TEP office. It is the participant's responsibility to attend a defensive driving education class and find a non-profit agency to complete community service in their area.

### **Completion**

Upon successful completion of the community service and the defensive driving class, the court will be notified to dismiss the ticket referred. Should the participant fail to complete the program, the ticket will be referred back to the original court. The court will notify the driver of their new trial date by mail.