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Traffic Education Program

About the Traffic Education Program

The Traffic Education Program (TEP) was established in South Carolina in an effort to make our highways safer through driver's education while giving the participant an opportunity to have their ticket(s) dismissed.

Who is eligible for the TEP?

- Valid driver's license
- No significant history of traffic violations
- Ticket must be a point violation
- Violation must be 4 points or less
- No prior participation in TEP

How does the participant enter the TEP?

- A participant may be referred to the TEP by the Summary Court Judge or Municipal Court Judge.
- Prior to the scheduled court date, Summary Court and Municipal Court cases may be eligible to enter the TEP as a self referral

If you are interested in applying to the Traffic Education Program, please contact the office directly at (843) 915-5693 prior to submitting an application.

What is needed to apply?

- Two (2) money orders made payable to the TEP in the amount of \$140.00 each (total of \$280.00)
- Driver's license
- Social Security Card
- Copy of ticket
- Out of state participants must provide a three (3) year driving record (non-official)

What is required while in the program?

- Complete community service for a non-profit organization

- Attend a four (4) hour defensive driving course

How long is the program?

Participants may be eligible to successfully complete within thirty (30) days from the time of application.

Completion

Successful Completion

- Upon completion all applicable agencies are notified to dismiss the charge(s) (Magistrate Court, Municipal Court, Police Department)
- Participants have the right to request expungement of the dismissed ticket at an additional cost of \$250.00. Expungement is not a requirement.

Unsuccessful Completion

Should a participant unsuccessfully complete the program, the TEP file is closed and the court is notified.

Participation

Out of County Participants and Out of State Participants

An application is mailed to be completed and returned to the TEP office. The participant must attend a four (4) hour defensive driving class and complete four (4) hours of community service in their area for a non-profit agency by the deadline given.

Frequently Asked Questions

Will my charge(s) be dismissed?

Am I expected to appear in court?

Do I need an attorney to apply to the Traffic Education Program?

Am I eligible for the program if I do not live in Horry County or in South Carolina?

Why am I paying a fee to participate in the program?

What form of payment is accepted?

Why would I be rejected from participation in TEP?

What is the difference between dismissal and expungement?

What is the process for expungement?

Contact Info

Phone: (843) 915-5365

Fax: (843) 915-6330

Address

1005 Second Avenue

Conway, SC 29526

**TRAFFIC EDUCATION PROGRAM (TEP)
LOCAL APPLICATION/REQUIREMENTS**

Full Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Jr, III)

Mailing Address: _____
(Street or PO Box) (Apt #)

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Social Security Number: _____ Sex: _____ Race: _____

Date of Birth: _____ State of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

E-Mail Address _____

Driver's License #: _____ State Issued: _____

Do you have a valid driver's license with no current suspensions? Yes No

Have you ever applied to or participated in the Traffic Education Program in this county or any other county in South Carolina? No _____ Yes _____ If yes, where? _____

Tickets referred to TEP:

Charge _____ Date _____ Police Dept. _____

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Driving Education Course

I must attend a four (4) hour Defensive Driving Course provided by the South Carolina National Safety Council. A non-refundable tuition fee of **\$35.00** must be paid at the time of the course in the form of a money order. TEP will be notified by the instructor of attendance.

I must complete (4) hours of community service, donate \$29.00 in the form of a money order (No personal checks will be accepted), or donate needed supplies to a non-profit agency totaling \$29.00 on or before the Driving Class. A letter from the agency must be returned to TEP noting hours worked and what were your duties, receipt from the agency for the money donated or computer receipt for a donation made on line. Letter must include agency letterhead with contact numbers to verify completion by the above deadline. Documentation may be mailed or faxed.

Successful Completion

I understand that upon successful completion the court will be notified to dismiss my ticket(s).

Expungement (Right not a Requirement)

After successful completion I have the right to have the ticket(s) expunged. It will then be my responsibility to contact the TEP office and request the necessary form to begin the process. I will then be asked to send the completed form to the Horry County Solicitor's office along with an administrative fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). Money order or cashier's check only. Expungement will remove the dismissal from the court and law enforcement records only.

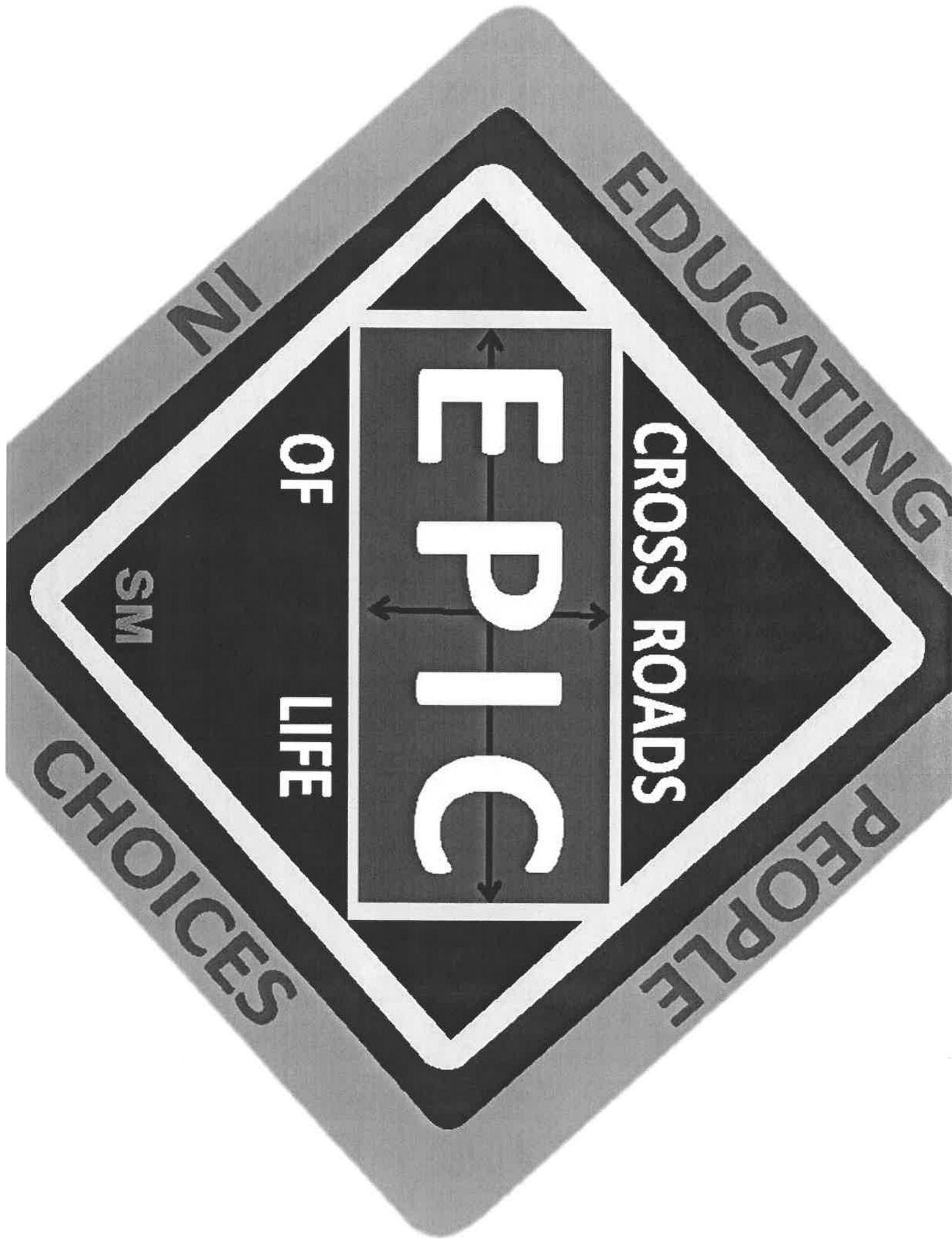
Termination

Any point violations or failure to complete the community service or driving education class by the set deadlines will result in my tickets being referred back to the court. I will then be notified by the court of a new court date.

I understand that the program fees paid in the amount of \$280.00 are nonrefundable. I understand that I must complete the Driving Education Class and Community Service by the deadline given. I do hereby consent to participate in the Traffic Education Program

Client Signature

Date



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