

LYCOMING COUNTY
UNDERAGE DRINKING COURT
APPLICATION
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

You have been charged with the offense of purchase, consumption, possession or transportation of liquor or malt or brewed beverages in violation of 18 Pa. C.S.A. § 6308. This is a summary offense which carries penalties which include, but are not limited to jail, fines and a license suspension.

Because your charge comes within the jurisdiction of the Lycoming County Courts, one option available to you is participating in the Underage Drinking Court Program.

This is generally a six to eight-month diversionary program which includes a one-time cost of \$150.00 only if you graduate from the program. The \$150 is due before you graduate. If you are terminated, your case will be transferred back to the Magistrate Judge where you will be found guilty and directed to pay the costs of prosecution and a fine. Also, there are monthly court individual and group sessions, community service, a graduation project, counseling and/or education if recommended and other requirements. If you graduate from the program your charges will be dismissed without prejudice, deferred or not filed, and upon satisfactory completion of the program dismissed with prejudice.

If you wish to be considered for participation in the program, you must complete and sign this form and have the arresting officer sign & approve the application (Note: you will not be approved for the Underage Drinking Court if the officer does not approve your application). Please submit your application to the attention of **Christine Deal of West Branch Drug & Alcohol Abuse Commission at 213 West Fourth Street, Williamsport, PA 17701, no later than fourteen (14) days from the date you receive this notice. Also make sure to plead Not Guilty to the citation for the Magisterial District Judge (MDJ).** If the application is not received or not received in a timely manner, law enforcement and the (MDJ) will be notified. You will then be prosecuted in accordance with the law.

You need to contact Christine Deal of the West Branch Drug & Alcohol Abuse Commission to schedule an Assessment. Please call her at (570) 323-8543. Following that assessment, your application will be considered by the Underage Drinking Court Team and you will be notified of the decision. If you are accepted you will be notified of the dates you will need to appear to begin the program. If you are not accepted into the program, your case will proceed accordingly before the MDJ or Court of Common Pleas if you have appealed an MDJ verdict.

If you have any questions, you can contact either Rebecca Loner, Secretary to Judge Marc Lovecchio at (570) 327-2336 or Chris Deal of West Branch Drug & Alcohol Abuse Commission at 570-323-8543 website: **lycomingcountyunderagedrinkingcourt.com**

Please Note: If you are presently on supervision or if you have previously participated in the program, you are likely not eligible to participate again. Also, if you receive a second underage drinking citation while on the Lycoming County Underage Drinking Court you may be terminated

*****PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PLEAD NOT GUILTY ON THE CITATION
FOR THE MDJ*****

Name

Prosecuting Law Enforcement
Officer's Approval

Signature

Print Name

Address

Police Department

City, State Zip Code

Signature

Age

Date Notice Provided to Defendant

Date of Birth: _____

Phone No.

District Magisterial Judge (print)

E-Mail Address

District Magisterial Judge
(signature)

Employed Student

State reason why you should be accepted to the program.

List all prior arrests and/or convictions for any summaries and/or criminal offenses.

***Please return this application to Christine Deal of West Branch Drug & Alcohol Abuse
Commission at 213 West Fourth Street, Williamsport, PA 17701**