



**YOUNGSTOWN  
STATE  
UNIVERSITY**

**RESOLUTION TO MODIFY  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON CAMPUS POLICY 3356-5-10**

**WHEREAS**, University Policies are being reviewed and reconceptualized on an ongoing basis; and

**WHEREAS**, this process can result in the modification of existing policies, the creation of new policies, or the deletion of policies no longer needed; and

**WHEREAS**, action is required by the Board of Trustees prior to replacing and/or implementing modified or newly created policies, or to rescind existing policies.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby approve the modification of the University Policy stated above and attached hereto.

**Board of Trustees Meeting  
September 17, 2025  
YR 2026-49**

**3356-5-10      Alcoholic beverages on campus.**

Responsible Division/Office: University Relations  
Responsible Officer: Vice President of Strategic Communications and  
Chief of Staff  
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Board Committee: Institutional Engagement  
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- (A) Policy statement. The use of alcoholic beverages on university premises is only allowed if consistent with state laws and university policies and only when it will not interfere with the decorum and academic atmosphere of the campus.
- (B) Parameters.
- (1) The university may permit the sale and/or consumption of beer, liquor and/or wine at events that are sponsored by recognized university entities, including but not limited to divisions, colleges, departments, administrative units, and educational/professional groups and by non-university groups appropriate to the university's mission. Any student organization wishing to sell or consume beer, liquor and/or wine at an event must receive prior approval from the associate director of student activities or his/her designee.
  - (2) Advertising, promotion, or marketing of alcoholic beverages is prohibited except as authorized by the vice president of strategic communications and chief of staff or his/her designee.
  - (3) A working staff member and at least one university police officer must be present at university events where alcohol is sold or served.
  - (4) All events selling or serving alcoholic beverages must be supervised by a qualified bartender. A qualified bartender is an individual who is at least twenty-one years of age and has knowledge and experience regarding the sale of alcoholic beverages and appropriate legal responsibilities.

- (5) Annually, the university's food service vendor will purchase an alcoholic beverage permit from the Ohio division of liquor control. The area covered by the permit includes all or portions of the following buildings: Andrews student recreation and wellness center, Beeghly hall, Bliss hall, Cafaro hall, Coffelt hall, Cushwa hall, DeBartolo hall, Fedor hall, Fok hall, Jones hall, Kilcawley center, Maag library, McDonough museum, Melnick hall, Meshel hall, Moser hall, Silvestri hall, Sweeney hall, Tod hall, Veterans center, Ward Beecher hall, and Williamson hall.
- (6) Annually, the university's athletic concessions vendor will purchase an alcoholic beverage permit from the Ohio division of liquor control. The area covered by the permit is Stambaugh stadium, except for the DeBartolo stadium club and loges, the Watson and Tressel training center, and Beeghly center, except for the coaches court.
- (7) If the event is within the area covered by the university's food service vendor or the university's athletic concession vendor permit, all alcohol served must be purchased by the sponsoring organization from the university's food service vendor or the university's athletic concessions vendor, as applicable.
- (8) If the event is held on university property outside the permit area:
  - (a) Liquor, beer and/or wine must be delivered to the location of the event and removed after the event.
  - (b) Alcoholic beverages cannot be sold and the cost of the alcoholic beverages may not be included in the cost of the event ticket or in any meal costs unless the individual or group holding the event ("sponsor") obtains a temporary Ohio division of liquor control permit, which must be approved in writing by the university chief of police prior to the event.
  - (c) The sponsor of the event must employ a qualified bartender. The bartender must supervise the sale and/or dispensing of alcoholic beverages.

- (d) Events outside the permit area must comply with all requirements of this policy unless specifically excepted pursuant to this policy.
- (9) All servers of alcoholic beverages must be a qualified bartender at least twenty-one years of age.
- (10) Bartenders and other servers may not consume alcoholic beverages at any time during the scheduled event and are not permitted to sell or dispense alcoholic beverages if intoxicated.
- (11) The service of alcoholic beverages on property owned or controlled by the university will be in compliance with applicable state and local laws and university policies and procedures, and the group providing the beverages is responsible for administering and supervising the event.
- (12) Non-alcoholic beverages and a variety of foods must be available in quantities sufficient for all guests whenever alcoholic beverages are served. Such beverages and food must be visible and available and not contingent on the purchase of alcohol.
- (13) Alcoholic beverages may not be brought into an event being held within an area covered by the university's food service vendor or the university's athletic concessions vendor permit.
- (14) Intoxicated individuals will not be served, nor may they possess or consume alcoholic beverages at any on-campus event.
- (15) Alcoholic beverages may not be served to anyone unable to provide proof of being twenty-one years of age or older.
- (16) Under no circumstances may any alcoholic beverages be permitted to leave the approved area of the event.
- (17) Gambling and gambling devices are not permitted at any on-campus event where alcoholic beverages are served.
- (18) Alcoholic beverages may not be purchased with state funds.
- (19) Events at which alcoholic beverages are available may not exceed six hours in length, unless a written request for exception has been approved by the vice president of strategic communications and

chief of staff at least two weeks prior to the scheduled date of the event. Sale or service of alcoholic beverages must be discontinued at least one hour prior to the conclusion of any event that is scheduled to last four or more hours.

- (20) Events where alcoholic beverages are used, served, or sold will not be sponsored in any manner by any manufacturer, distributor, or retailer of alcoholic beverages. This prohibition does not include acknowledgment of a donor to an event.
  - (21) Events at which alcoholic beverages are sold or served may not have the presence of these beverages or their consumption as an event theme. At no time during the event may any manner of consumption of these beverages be encouraged.
  - (22) The possession or use of alcoholic beverages in any of the university student residence houses is prohibited. (See rule 3356-8-01.1 of the Administrative Code, university policy 3356-8-01.1, “The Student Code of Conduct” and the “University Housing – Resident Handbook.”)
- (C) The following additional procedures apply to those on-campus university events outside the area covered by the permits obtained from the Ohio division of liquor control as noted in paragraphs (B)(5) and (B)(6) of this rule.
- (1) All university groups or non-university groups wishing to sponsor an event on the campus involving the exchange of money with alcoholic beverages must complete an appropriate application prior to the event. Application forms are available in the office of university events.
  - (2) Final approval for the sale of alcoholic beverages at the event is contingent upon the sponsor having or obtaining an appropriate permit from the Ohio division of liquor control to sell such beverages. The sponsor is responsible for contacting the office of university events to obtain the permit application. Once completed, the application and required payment must be returned to university events for required signatures and submittal to the state. The approved permit is forwarded directly to the office of university events from the state of Ohio. A copy of the permit is

made and filed and the original is given to the event sponsor to display at the event.

- (3) An event which does not obtain a permit may proceed without the service of alcoholic beverages.