



## 2010–2011 STUDENT HANDBOOK

### ALCOHOL POLICY

#### Philosophy

The goal of The College of St. Scholastica is to create an environment in which both the responsible use and nonuse of alcoholic beverages are respected and in which the line existing between responsible drinking and abuse is recognized. Within the Benedictine tradition of hospitality, the College seeks to foster a healthy environment. The College supports those who choose a lifestyle free of chemicals and offers support to those in recovery via support groups on campus as well as ongoing programming.

#### Statement of Alcohol Use

The use of alcoholic beverages is a right the State of Minnesota extends to those persons who are 21 years of age or older. As an independent educational institution, The College of St. Scholastica extends the same right **as a privilege** to members of the St. Scholastica community who are of legal drinking age. Minnesota statutes section 340A.101(2) and Duluth City Code Division 2, subdivision 1, section 8-13 defines “alcoholic beverage” as any beverage containing more than one-half of one percent alcohol by volume. **The college asserts that inappropriate behavior is not excused by consumption of alcoholic beverages and will hold individuals accountable for actions performed under the influence of alcohol. This includes actions both on and off campus** which violate the rights or property of others as defined by the Statement of Proscribed Conduct in this handbook. Behavior following consumption of alcoholic beverages which violates college policy and/or state law will be considered an offense subject to review by the Code of Conduct for Students (see that section of this handbook). Those individuals who abuse the privilege of responsible drinking will be helped to understand the necessity of responsible behavior with regard to alcohol use. The College is committed to providing resources, counseling, education and other opportunities to enhance this understanding. On-campus counseling and information regarding alcohol or other drug concerns are available through the Student Center for Health and Well-Being, T2150, x6085.

#### Use Guidelines

Alcoholic beverages may be used in private rooms of the student halls and apartments by those of legal age. Somers freshmen wings are considered alcohol free by all residents and guests. Alcohol is not allowed in any classroom (at the Duluth campus and/or any ADEP sites) at any time regardless of persons’ ages.

## **Presence Policy:**

**Students not of legal drinking age are not permitted at any time to be in the presence of alcohol.** Students not of legal drinking age found **in the presence** of alcohol at any time will be in violation of the presence policy. If you are of legal drinking age and a person not of age is found in your residences where alcohol is present you will be found in violation of the presence violation. The college allows **one** exceptions to this policy.

- 1) **When you are in your own residence with a roommate who is of legal drinking age, you may be present. However, if other person(s) not of legal drinking age enter(s) the residence, the violations can be administered.**

## **Alcohol Consumption Policy**

- Students not of legal drinking age found consuming alcohol at any time will be in violation of the alcohol consumption policy.
- **Delivery of alcoholic beverages to students on campus is prohibited. Alcohol cannot be sold (e.g., selling cups, asking for donations, etc.) anywhere on campus except in cases of a College sanctioned event.**
- **Bulk dispensing of alcohol is prohibited. This may include, but is not limited to, kegs, partyballs, etc. If it occurs, an automatic \$100 fine will be assessed to each member of the apartment or residence hall room present at any time during the event. In addition, the container along with the tap will be seized and not returned to the residents.**
- **Alcohol is not allowed in any classroom at any ST. SCHOLASTICA location. Alcohol brought into any classroom, for any reason, is a violation of College policy and subject to the sanctions specified on page 130-131 of the Student Handbook.**
- College authorities reserve the right to request IDs from any person carrying unconcealed containers of alcohol on campus. Open or broken-sealed containers of alcohol are not allowed in any public area on campus without permission. Permission to use alcohol beverages in any public area of the college including, but not limited to, dining hall, apartment/halls picnic area, athletic facilities, Science Center, Tower Hall, and other College grounds must be applied for from the residential life staff.

## **Violations**

Each student should familiarize him/herself with the statement of proscribed conduct, and the statement of sanctions in the Student Handbook.

Possession and consumption of alcohol by those not of legal drinking age and consumption by those of legal drinking age which results in behavior that endangers or is detrimental to life is a violation of the college alcohol policy. Other violations involving alcohol not expressly stated here, but which violate the rights or property of member(s) of the St. Scholastica community, will be considered violations of this policy.

Violations which are violations of city and/or state law may also be referred to the proper city and/or state authorities in conjunction with or in addition to any College sanctions which may be imposed.

## **Sanctions**

College sanctions for being in the presence of alcohol will result in the following consequences, with the possibility of other sanctions, as outlined in the Statement on Sanctions.

Any student who violates the policy against being in the presence of alcohol is subject to:

**First Offense:** Meeting with the assistant dean of campus life to review violation(s). Up to a **\$100** fine and five mandatory work hours will be issued. An alcohol fine will be put on a student's account if not paid by the designated time frame. There is a possibility of other sanctions being imposed, including the loss of privileges.

**Second Offense:** Meeting with the assistant dean of campus life to review violation(s). Up to a **\$200** fine and 10 mandatory work hours will be issued. An alcohol fine will be put on a student's account if not paid by the designated time frame. Students will be required to meet with a counselor from the Student Center for Health and Well-Being for an alcohol assessment **and at least** two counseling sessions.

**Third Offense:** Meeting with the assistant dean of campus life to review violations. Up to a **\$300** fine and 20 mandatory work hours will be issued. An alcohol fine will be put on a student's account if not paid by the designated time frame. An alcohol assessment will need to be completed with a counselor from the Student Center for Health and Well-Being. Students are required to follow the treatment plan outlined by the counselor. There is a possibility of one or more sanctions being imposed, including loss of privileges and suspensions or dismissal from on-campus housing and/or the college.

**Fourth Offense:** Meeting with the assistant dean of campus life to review violation. Your housing contract **will be** cancelled and additional loss or access to College facilities may be denied.

College sanctions for **Alcohol Consumption** by students not of legal drinking age will result in the following consequences, with the possibility of other sanctions, remaining at the discretion of the dean of students: A meeting with the assistant dean of campus life to review violations. A **\$200** fine and 20 mandatory work hours will be imposed. An alcohol fine will be put on a student's account if not paid within the designated time frame. Mandatory alcohol related counseling is required. There is a possibility of one or more sanctions being imposed, including loss of privileges and suspension or dismissal from on campus housing and/or the College.

### **Appeals**

All appeals of alcohol violations must be submitted in writing to the assistant dean of students for campus life (in Residential Life) within 3 days after receipt of the sanction letter. All appeals come before a student panel. Accused students have the right to council with a student advocate in drafting their appeals. Appeals are reviewed by an alcohol appeals panel consisting of student representations. All decisions of the panel are final.

**NOTE: THREE (3) VIOLATIONS OF THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE POLICY IN ANY ONE YEAR WILL RESULT IN THE TERMINATION OF THE STUDENT HOUSING CONTRACT. STUDENTS WITH LESS THAN THREE VIOLATIONS MAY HAVE THESE VIOLATIONS CARRY OVER TO THE NEXT YEAR DEPENDING ON THE SEVERITY OF THE INCIDENTS.**

### **Parental Notification Policy**

The Family Educational Right to Privacy Act, (FERPA), by the U.S. Department of Higher

Education states that it is now permissible for The College of St. Scholastica to notify the parents of underage students (below 21) when those students are found responsible for alcohol and other drug related offenses. The College of St. Scholastica endorses the concept that the student, parents, and the College are in a partnership in which each partner has the responsibility to promote a healthy and productive educational experience for the student, protect the campus community, and maintain an environment conducive to learning. Students who have violated College alcohol and/or drug policies can also benefit from candid discussions with their parents concerning the specifics of their disciplinary violations and the ways in which their use of alcohol and/or drugs can detract from their educational goals. The Parental Notification Policy will be utilized at the discretion of the dean of students. Please note that sanctions will follow the College's code of conduct and alcohol violation policies.

**Policy Regarding Advertising, Promotion, and Merchandising of Alcoholic Beverages:** Without written permission from the dean of students, no student or student organization may advertise an event which mentions or implies alcohol will be served or present. This includes college promotion of bars, distributors or brands of alcoholic beverages on T-shirts, posters, cups, etc. Questions should be referred to the dean of students. Any alcohol related advertising for the *Cable* must be approved through the office of the vice president of student affairs and dean of students.

**Grievance Procedure Against Student Organizations:** Recognized student organizations in violation of College policies are subject to probation, revocation of recognition, or other disciplinary action through the dean of students.

Questions about these guidelines or requests for additional information should be referred to the dean of students, T2145, x6167.

### **Statement on Taxis**

In the event Security determines it necessary to call a taxi to transport someone home, the cost of the taxi will be assessed to the event sponsor(s).

### **Statement on Drugs Other than Alcohol**

**The College of St. Scholastica does not condone the illegal use, possession, sale, manufacture, or distribution of drugs or actions involving drugs, including the possession of drug paraphernalia. This includes drugs which may involve medical or psychological hazards to individuals or actions involving drugs which may lead to interference with the rights and privileges of others. Students found involved in any of these actions will have their housing contract terminated.**

### **Violence Prevention and Alcohol/Drug Education Program**

The Violence Prevention and Alcohol/Drug Education Program is designed to promote responsible decision making and provide information for each person at The College of St. Scholastica. Workshops, programs, activities, a resource library and confidential information and referral regarding violence issues and alcohol/drug issues are some of the sources of support available. For more information, contact x6085 or stop by T2150.

### **Alcohol, Drug Use and Health**

The College of St. Scholastica believes in the holistic development of students' physical, spiritual, social, cognitive, and psychological health. Alcohol and other drug abuse can affect

and impair one or more of these areas. Responsible decisions can contribute to your being the **best** that you can be, and allow you to be a positive, contributing member of the St. Scholastica community. If you or a friend are in need of assistance due to alcohol or other drugs, contact the Student Center for Health and Well-Being at x6085 or stop by T2150.