



Special Event Liquor Permits General Information



Special event liquor permits are issued by the Telluride Liquor Licensing Authority pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes, Title 44, Article 5, to qualifying nonprofit entities wishing to sell (including asking for donations, or charging indirectly) or provide alcoholic beverages free of charge to the general public.

Special event permits are issued for a specific location, date and time and may not be transferred under any circumstance. Events at multiple locations require separate permits. Permits may not be issued within 500 feet of any public or parochial school when classes are scheduled. Permits and liquor warning signs must be posted during events. *A maximum of fifteen special event permits may be issued to an applicant in a calendar year.*

Qualifications

- The applicant must be incorporated as a nonprofit entity with the Colorado Secretary of State, OR
- The applicant must be a regularly chartered branch, lodge, or chapter of a national organization, OR
- The applicant must be a political candidate who has filed the necessary reports and statements with the Colorado Secretary of State, OR
- The applicant must be a municipality, special district, or county.

General Requirements

- An Event Manager who has completed a state-approved liquor service workshop class, within the last three years must be named and present at each venue during special event permitted hours. **TIPS Certificates completed after March 1, 2020 will no longer be accepted.**

- The following link is for a list of state approved responsible vendors training options:
<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/enforcement/approved-responsible-vendors-training>
- The following link is for a state approved online streaming class. You will need to take the course with a device that has a camera so you can interact in real time with the instructor.
<https://coloradosellerservertraining.com/>
- The Town of Telluride hosts live state-approved liquor service workshops twice per year. Please contact the liquor licensing clerk at 970-728-2158 for more information on upcoming classes.
- A plan must be in place to ensure that the following regulations are enforced:
 - Persons must be at least 21 to purchase, possess and consume alcohol beverages in Colorado.
 - No person under 18 may sell, serve, dispense or distribute alcoholic beverages.
 - A person between 18 and 20 may sell and dispense alcohol when under the supervision of a person who is at least 21.
- Sandwiches and light snacks must be available any time liquor/beer is served. Full meals are not required. Food may be provided by a contractor or vendor.
- A single permit may be issued for an event hosted in multiple private homes located in the same neighborhood, provided the venues are posted, and an event manager is at each location.
- Alcohol cannot be stored without a Special Event Permit, and must be removed from the premises within 2 days of the permitted event.
- Storage of alcohol is permitted outside the designated event area if the area is not otherwise licensed, area is under control of the permittee, and for short-term storage only, with approval of the Liquor Licensing Authority.
- Purchase of alcohol beverages authorized by a permit may be purchased or donated by a licensed wholesaler, brewpub, limited winery, vintner's restaurant, retail liquor store, or liquor-licensed drugstore.

Application

- All appropriate sections of the application must be completely filled out.
- If the applicant is a corporation an officer must sign the application.
- The following attachments must accompany the application:
- Proof of nonprofit status:
 - If the applicant is a corporation, a current Certificate of Good Standing from the Secretary of State, OR
 - If the applicant is a political candidate, copies of statements and reports filed with the Colorado Secretary of State
 - If the applicant is a branch, lodge or chapter of a national organization, a copy of the charter.
- Proof of property possession in the form of a lease, deed, lease assignment and/or written permission from the owners in the name of the applicant.

- An 8 ½" x 11" diagram of the requested permit area showing:
 - Perimeter of the premises, including dimensions, outlined in **RED**.
 - Walls, entrances, exits, and if outside, landmarks, street names, etc.
 - Areas where food will be served, and where alcohol will be served.
 - Storage map where the alcohol will be secured before and after the event.

Proof of completion of liquor service training by Event Manager to be submitted with the first application for an organization every year; required every 2 years. *This requirement was updated with Ordinance 1549 Series of 2022 (<https://telluride-co.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/148244/?preview=153565>).*

Special Considerations for Events on Town Property

- A hearing cannot be scheduled prior to receiving a copy of the contract, so early filing is recommended.
- Entities hosting events on public property are required to provide proof of liquor liability insurance coverage naming the Town of Telluride as an additional insured.
- For more information contact the parks & recreation director at 728-5359.
- In addition to a Special Event Liquor Permit, events on public property require a contract from the Parks & Recreation Department.
- Any event held on Town-owned property is subject to financial follow up no later than 120 days following the conclusion of the special event permit.
- 100% of liquor proceeds must be distributed to local or regional nonprofits that have a history of benefiting the San Miguel County, Colorado regional community or a local or regional nonprofit support program or activity accessible to the Town of Telluride community.
- Any recipient of liquor proceeds must be a federally recognized and qualified nonprofit that falls under one of the following provisions: 501(c), (1), (3-4), (6-8), (10), (13), (19) or (23).
- As an exception, the special event applicant may approach Town Council, acting as the Liquor Licensing Authority, if they wish to donate liquor proceeds to a non-local/regional nonprofit, not to exceed 50% of the proceeds.