

BENEFITS!

- ❖ You'll get paid! Aides receive a nominal fee for their assistance.
- ❖ You can earn community service hours!
- ❖ You'll be helping prevent underage sales of alcohol and tobacco in your community.
- ❖ You could be saving lives!

THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 IS AGAINST FLORIDA LAW. PROOF OF AGE IS REQUIRED FOR PURCHASE.

If you are interested in becoming an Investigative Aide or if you would like additional information, contact your local ABT office.

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Report underage sales!

Hotline:

1-866-540-SUDS (7837)

Florida Department of
Business &
Professional Regulation

Division of Alcoholic
Beverages and Tobacco



Investigative
Aide
Program

What is the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco (ABT)?

The Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco is responsible for enforcing the beverage and tobacco laws. The Division has three main Bureaus:

- ❖ **Enforcement:** The Bureau of Enforcement conducts criminal investigations pursuant to beverage and cigarette laws. This includes investigations concerning sales to underage persons, fraudulent identification, gambling and narcotics.
- ❖ **Licensing:** The Bureau of Licensing issues all alcoholic beverage licenses, cigarette licenses and tobacco permits in the State of Florida.
- ❖ **Auditing:** The Bureau of Auditing collects and audits all taxes that are required to be paid on alcohol, cigarettes and other tobacco products in the State of Florida.

ABT's Investigative Aide Program

What is an investigative aide?

Investigative Aides are student volunteers who assist the Division in its effort to eliminate the sale of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products to underage persons.

What do investigative aides do?

Investigative aides attempt to make controlled purchases of alcoholic beverages and tobacco under direct supervision of at least two law enforcement officers.

Aides may also help with securing and labeling evidence; writing reports; and courtroom testimony.

Locations where purchases may be attempted include:

- Convenience Stores
- Nightclubs
- Package Stores
- Other locations licensed to sell alcoholic and/or tobacco products

Program Requirements

Who can volunteer?

- ❖ Law-abiding students between the ages of 14 & 19 with good grades
- ❖ Students whose parent or guardian has signed a permission affidavit
- ❖ Students willing to sign an Agreement of Understanding that states the rules of conduct for a program participant.

When can aides volunteer?

- ❖ After school
- ❖ Weekends
- ❖ Spring Break
- ❖ School holidays
- ❖ Summer vacation

NOTICE

IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANYONE (INCLUDING PARENTS) TO SELL, GIVE OR SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO A PERSON UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE.