

Community Service Learning Partner Application

****Please Complete Section 1 Only****

Students who have completed a minimum of 75 hours of documented community service, along with the required reflection component, in Grades 9-12 are eligible to receive one (1) career focus academic credit. This credit may be applied toward graduation for students graduating in Classes 2023 through 2026. 75 hours of community service is required for all Arkansas students graduating in the Class of 2027 and beyond.

Community service hours must be completed at a state-approved community organization or as part of a service-learning school program. Community or non-profit organizations may apply for state approval through the local school board as a community service learning site by completing this application.

FSPS Community Service Learning Coordinator: Dr. Tony Jones, Director of Secondary Education
Fort Smith Public Schools, 3205 Jenny Lind, Fort Smith, AR 72903 (479) 785-2501.

The Community Service Learning program is governed by Ark. Code Ann. § 6-16- 120. 1.02

Name of Non-Profit/Community Organization:

Writing Our World Publishing, Company

Name of Director/Contact Personal: *

Ms. Janis F. Kearney, WOW Publishing Company

Address of the Organization (City/State/Zip): *

2 Rosier Court, Little Rock, AR, 72211

Email Address: *

janis@wowpublishing.org

Phone Number: *

501-772-2930

Hours of Operation: *

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

What is the mission of the non-profit/community organization? *

The Celebrate! Maya Project Project Youth Writing & History Immersion Project is to offer middle school and high school students an interactive writing, interviewing, art, book publishing and History immersion experience, affording them onsite experience, in: writing, interviewing, art creation, and book designing.

What service(s) does the non-profit/community organization provide? *

Our local partners will identify community leaders--past and present--who agree to participate in this project, including sharing their life stories with youth. These "history makers" will be asked to participate in a one day program that will include a panel discussion, and a 30-minute interview session with student participants. The Writing and History Immersion workshop will be an excellent opportunity for young people to meet and talk with Arkansas History Makers who have made positive impacts on our state's and communities' growth. CMP will provide mentorship, feedback, and support to the student participants throughout the writing process. There will be a ceremony held to recognize the contributions of the students, and history makers which will include a book signing once the book is completed.

Describe the kinds of volunteer tasks students will perform.

Student participants will attend two 2-hour Writing Workshops, and a panel discussion. The first workshop will focus on learning interview techniques and writing skills. Students will attend a panel discussion meeting, and have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with a History Maker and to conduct a 30- minute interview. Student participants will work on the editing their interviews and creating artwork to go along with their projects. For the remaining period of this project, students will work independently on writing the interviews, and they will be supported when they have questions or need feedbacking during the writing process.

This project will be focus on the following writing standard:

W.11.4

Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

The Act 648 implementation guide requires "precautions, policies and procedures" in place to ensure the safety of student volunteers. How will this non-profit/community organization ensure student safety? *

WOW Publishing, Company will host the workshops, upon availability, at a branch of the Fort Smith Public Library which is a secure and protected space with camera surveillance. Parents are welcome to attend each workshop and meeting as an extra layer of security. Adult supervision will be provided by volunteer School and Community Coordinators and Consultants.

List any special considerations of the non-profit/community organization. *

Celebrate! Maya Project is a non-profit whose mission is to serve youth and communities.

Students who complete the project in its entirety will receive recognition for completing 15 hours of community service.

Do you have any questions?

I do not have any questions at this time. Thank you.

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A completed application requires FSPS School Board approval with the signature of the School Board President and the date of the School Board meeting that the application was approved.

How may the activities described connect to curriculum learning goals. (AR Act 648 [implementation guide](#) on the ADE website contains a breakdown of a few subject areas and goals)

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School Board President Signature

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Date this Application Was Approved by the Board

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