

# 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:

Fort Smith Faith United Methodist Church

Name of Director/Contact Personal: \*

Brad Kessler

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

2901 Massard Rd, Fort Smith, AR. 72903

Email Address: \*

faithumcfortsmith@gmail.com

Phone Number: \*

479-484-5119

Hours of Operation: \*

Variable, but generally M-W 8:30-12:30 office hours and 8:30-12:30 on Sundays.

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

Promotion of Christian fellowship

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

Worship opportunities, including music; school backpack program; participates in FSPS Wellness Fair and Career Expo; Partner in Education; provide books to Tillison and Morrison schools

Describe the kinds of volunteer tasks students will perform.

Vocal and instrumental participation in church Sunday and special services. Opportunities to practice and perform together with our music director, Brad Kessler. Opportunities to participate in preparing items for the Backpack Program and other outreach ministries.

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? \*

We are required to complete a Safe Gatherings program through the United Method district Church and to have background checks. Our policies are conducive to providing a safe space, requiring windows in rooms or open doors, procedures for incident reporting, and a policy that an adult is never alone with a student.

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

We are a faith-based organization that is open to ALL people in participation and ministry. We strive to be all-inclusive. All faiths and people with no religious affiliation are welcome.

Do you have any questions?

How will we know if we have been accepted as a location to provide students with community service hours?

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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)

School Board President Signature

Date this Application Was Approved by the Board

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