

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:

UAMS West

Name of Director/Contact Personal: *

Chris Holland

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

612 South 12th St. Fort Smith, AR 72901

Email Address: *

clholland@uams.edu

Phone Number: *

479-424-3115

Hours of Operation: *

Mon-Fr 8am-5pm

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

Improve health care by educating current and future health professionals and the public

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

Family Medicine Outpatient and Inpatient health care services

Describe the kinds of volunteer tasks students will perform.

Greeting patients in the outpatient clinic setting and helping them find check-in and check-out.

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 have a panic button located at front desk the students will be trained with that notifies our UAMS Police dispatch who can send out Fort Smith Police immediately if needed. We have trained employees close by that know de-escalation procedures to use when needed as well. There will be 2 to 3 other front desk staff members in very close proximity at all times to help guide the student volunteer if any situation out of the normal greeting and directing arises.

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

There will be a significant amount of Spanish-only speaking patients that may have a bit of difficulty understanding English speaking students, so hand signals may be more effective in these cases. Also, if volunteers meet 18 years or older criteria and can work the shifts exactly as they are proposed, they will need to sign up as a UAMS volunteer on the website, which I could walk student through if selected. The students will not begin volunteering until we have an adequate level of volunteer staffing approved through UAMS, so this may not begin until around June.

Do you have any questions?

Will we need to provide Fort Smith schools with any information after these students get started with their volunteer work?

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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

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Date this Application Was Approved by the Board

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