

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:

Washington Community & Cultural Center (WCCC)

Name of Director/Contact Personal: *

Trish Richardson

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

3600 North Albert Pike Fort Smith, Ar 72904

Mailing address: PO Box 4583 FSA 72914

Email Address: *

Washingtoncommunitycultural@gmail.com

Phone Number: *

479-551-2981 (Personal) 479-414-0275

Hours of Operation: *

Mon.-Thur. 4:00 - 6:30 pm Sat. 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

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

Serving our community with compassion to educate, inform and inspire through the promotion of the arts, cultural enrichment, and social opportunities.

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

EDUCATION - After school tutoring, ACT and test prep, improving and supplementing literacy skills HEALTH - social and emotional learning activities, chair yoga and meditation, diet and exercise programs, health updates ART- drawing, painting, plays, poetry, immersion in cultural activities such as dance and fashion awareness COMMUNITY/ POLITICAL AWARENESS - town hall meetings, voting rights and registration, financial awareness, job application and interview skills, and applying for scholarships

Describe the kinds of volunteer tasks students will perform.

If students hold a 3.0 gpa or higher, they are eligible to assist in tutoring younger students in that subject area. Assist in leading activities/games, read and/or listen while a student reads to them. Participate in a peer leading group allowing them to assist in planning activities and projects and setting outcome goals.

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? *

Policy and procedures for organization will be readily available on site. Orientation with parents and students. Having adult supervision at all times. Signed contracts on file (by student/parent) of students responsibility and expectations of their volunteer service. Building is safe and under city codes for public audiences (door lock, safe areas for storm, etc.)

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

Please consider WCCC to host Cafecito's and any other programs that require the attention/participation of parents in this area.

Do you have any questions?

Not at this time.

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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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