

# 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:

Peacemaker Music Festival

Name of Director/Contact Personal: \*

Lauren Pruitt

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

PO Box 1741, Fort Smith AR, 72902

Email Address: \*

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Phone Number: \*

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Hours of Operation: \*

The festival set up will begin Wednesday Oct. 9 and will be over by Sunday Oct. 13 [roughly 60 hours]

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

Peacemaker Festival, a music festival by music lovers, for music lovers. Set on the banks of the Arkansas River in Downtown Fort Smith at the beautiful Riverfront Amphitheater. We blend the best Country, Rock, Blues, Red Dirt and Americana acts touring today. Peacemaker is comprised of a volunteer led team focused on giving proceeds back to local charities, our artists' charities, and downtown development. The world needs more Peacemakers!!

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

Peacemaker is a 501(c) (3) with a mission to raise money for children's charities and our festival artists' community charities.

The Peacemaker Festival is organized and operated by a board of directors who are all volunteers and live music fanatics. Over the last 9 years we have donated over \$895,000 to charities who support our youth and our future.

Every year, we have visitors from many states that pour into downtown Fort Smith which brings revenue to our city and creates a large economic impact on our local community and businesses.

Describe the kinds of volunteer tasks students will perform.

We need help with clean up on Sunday, October 13th. Students will work to clean the riverfront park... trash cleanup, breaking down tables & chairs, organizing leftover Merch, moving large photo backdrops to the downtown warehouse, organizing the warehouse as items return.

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 will have many board members on site to secure the safety of the students. We also have festival insurance.

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

We hope to continue this festival for years to come, so bringing awareness to students and showing them how powerful and successful it is for our community would be great for the future of Fort Smith!

Do you have any questions?

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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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