

# 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:

WestArk Church/ Night to Shine

Name of Director/Contact Personal: \*

Dena Jenkins

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

900 North Waldron Road, Fort Smith, AR 72903

Email Address: \*

dena@westark.org

Phone Number: \*

479-452-1240

Hours of Operation: \*

8AM to 3PM

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

Night to Shine is a prom-like experience for individual with special needs.

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

A joy-filled experience for those who are often ignored or mistreated and for their caregivers.

Describe the kinds of volunteer tasks students will perform.

There are over 20 teams, but a few that often have students are Buddies (accompanies our honored guests throughout the evening), Clean-up, Crowning, Decorations, Food Service, Gift Bags, Hair & Make-Up, Karaoke, , Photo Op, Red Carpet, Shoeshine, and Videography

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 background checks for all volunteers 18 and over and a security team in place with team members from our church security team and several law enforcement agencies.

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

We typically need 700-800 volunteers each year and we have thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated the FSPS and others schools' students.

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

Date this Application Was Approved by the Board

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