

**Community Service Learning Community Partner Application for Local and State Board Approval**

**Rector School District**

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Date: June 7, 2021

**Community Partner Information**

Name of non-profit/ community organization: RHS Helping Hands Foundation

Name of Director/ Contact Person: Heather Simmons

Address: PO Box 153, Rector, AR 72461

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: rhshelpinghandsfoundation@gmail.com

Hours of operation: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Rector High School Helping Hands Foundation is the result of a multi-generational coalition of Rector High School alumni for the purpose of helping meet the short-term financial needs of disadvantaged students attending Rector, Arkansas public schools.

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

With guidance from school administrators, teachers, and counselors, the Helping Hands Foundation provides funding through grants to disadvantaged students for basic health care, food & school supplies. Helping Hands also offers academic scholarships for higher education to Rector students unable to afford tuition and related expenses.

Please describe the volunteer activities students will participate in at the non-profit/community organization and how those activities may connect to curriculum learning goals. (The Act 648 implementation guide contains a breakdown of a few subject areas and goals.)

RHS Helping Hands Foundation has several fundraising activities throughout the year that require volunteers to run smoothly. Through our fundraising, students will learn to work as group among their peers and other adult volunteers in the community. The students will also have the opportunity to take on different roles as the environment of the fundraisers changes. These roles would range from paperwork to assisting participants.

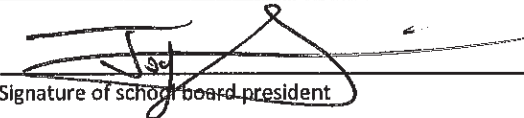
What are the non-profit/community organization procedures and policies to ensure the safety of student volunteers?

RHS Helping Hands Foundation will have board members, including several Rector School District employees, at each of the fundraisers to provide instruction and supervision as needed depending on the age and ability of the student. Communication between the school and RSHHF will be vital. RSHHF utilizes the services of local firemen, police, and EMT during the fundraisers as necessary.

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

Along with meeting the short-term financial needs of the students of the Rector School District, RSHHF also funds purchases that benefit large groups of students, including musical instruments, athletic equipment and expenses incurred during school related travels. Student volunteers will be able to see the result of their hard work throughout their school.

**Local School Board approval of this site as a district partner**

  
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Signature of school board president

6/14/21  
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Date of meeting at which site was approved

Return completed application and this form to: Melissa Starkey, Social Studies Specialist, Curriculum Support Services, Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, Email: [Melissa.Starkey@ade.arkansas.gov](mailto:Melissa.Starkey@ade.arkansas.gov), Four Capitol Mall, Mail Slot #15, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201