

# 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:

New Life Church

Name of Director/Contact Personal: \*

Jessica Cotten

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

9000 Dallas Street, Fort Smith, AR 72903

Email Address: \*

jcotten@newlifechurch.tv

Phone Number: \*

479-484-4411

Hours of Operation: \*

M-Th, 9-4pm; Sundays: 8-12:15pm

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

Our mission is to reach our friends and family with the life-giving message of Jesus, to see them become fully devoted followers of Christ.

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

We offer services on Sundays and Wednesday evenings for students. Throughout the month, we have volunteer opportunities for the homeless at Hope Campus and Community Rescue Mission. The staff offers pastoral care along with daily operations.

Describe the kinds of volunteer tasks students will perform.

Depending on student availability, tasks will vary. Administrative tasks, assisting pastors, running errands are options.

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? \*

Student will be asked to make note of arrival/departure time. Doors are locked to the church building and visitors are allowed in accordingly. All Staff and anyone that associates with minors undergo a Ministry Safe training and background checks to protect minors. We have cameras in the hallways/rooms.

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

We do ask that if a student would like to perform community service at New Life Church and be more hands-on participating in any of our children or student programs, that the student also undergo our Ministry Safe training and depending on age, may be requested to perform a background check (at no cost to the student). This is to ensure our children/students safety and accountability for everyone.

Outside of student ministries, student is not required to perform the Ministry Safe training. We would love to have students participate at NLC! We always have events and other tasks that we'd love to have students partner with us.

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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