

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:

Fort Smith Cemeteries, Inc.

Name of Director/Contact Personal: *

Lisa Welch - Executive VP

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

5403 North O Street, Fort Smith, AR 72904

Email Address: *

info@fortsmithcemeteries.com

Phone Number: *

479-551-3152

Hours of Operation: *

9am to 5pm, weekends and evenings as needed

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

Our Mission:

To honor, celebrate and maintain in perpetuity the beauty and dignity of our cemeteries for past, present and future generations.

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

Fort Smith Cemeteries, Inc. is a private non-profit organization overseeing Forest Park, Roselawn and Holy Cross Cemeteries as places of beauty to be enjoyed. It has no association with any government and is administered by a board of directors. Encompassing a total of 93 acres, with over 15,000 interments.

Describe the kinds of volunteer tasks students will perform.

We currently need help in our office organizing and alphabetizing our contract, deeds and interment forms. Volunteers are able to work at their own pace, low pressure and listen to music. There may be occasional public interaction/customer service situations as well.

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? *

Any Volunteer/student helping us will know their schedule ahead of time and be working with myself, I'm happy to have a background done (checking into getting one today). We will be working in a safe, well-lit office with a security system, cameras on the outside showing all who enter. We have current liability insurance.

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

There are no stairs entering the office, but there is a small threshold/bump (if the volunteer needs wheelchair access). Someone who can work on their own and has patience.

Do you have any questions?

Not currently - thank you

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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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