

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:

Simmons Prepared Foods

Name of Director/Contact Personal: *

Raven Crowden

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

8427 State HWY 45

Email Address: *

raven.crowden@simfoods.com

Phone Number: *

479-262-5329

Hours of Operation: *

8a-2p

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

The people of Simmons are building a great company using innovative ideas to provide quality food products and services to a changing world.

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

We are a poultry plant that services the community with chicken.

Describe the kinds of volunteer tasks students will perform.

They will be helping serve food, games, make sure kids are being safe on the bounce houses set up and clean up.

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 our safety manager to overlook the whole event and make sure things are going well. They will be in a bright colored shirt to differentiate the volunteers and the management team will work together to make sure the students are safe.

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

We will holding a fall festival for our team members for Simmons Foods 75th Anniversary. This is the first of it's kind and it will be held at Ben Geren park.

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)

Volunteering promotes civic engagement and social responsibility. Students learn the importance of contributing to their communities and develop a sense of responsibility and empathy towards others. Serving others often involves identifying needs, developing plans, and implementing solutions. This fosters critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Volunteering can expose students to diverse cultures and perspectives, enriching their understanding of global issues and promoting inclusivity. Activities that involve helping strangers build character traits such as kindness, compassion, and perseverance.

School Board President Signature

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Date this Application Was Approved by the Board

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