

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:

St. Paul United Methodist Church 9094-137894

Name of Director/Contact Personal: *

Steven M. Poarch

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

4100 Grand Ave, Ft. Smith, AR 72904

Email Address: *

spoarch@saintpaulumc.com

Phone Number: *

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Hours of Operation: *

Varied

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

To be a community of faith where God's love and grace flow to you, in you, and through you! To be disciples of Jesus Christ who make disciples for the transformation of the world.

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

Worship, discipleship, and numerous outreach ministries to the community

Describe the kinds of volunteer tasks students will perform.

Assisting with outreach ministries such as diaper distributions, feeding programs, nursing home visitation, special events and activities; possibly assisting with educational opportunities such as Vacation Bible School.

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 a "Safe Gatherings" policy that provides our guiding principles to ensure the safety of children, youth, and vulnerable adults.

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

We are a faith-based organization involved in several aspects of community service; so the tasks may be varied, but it is our desire to provide students the opportunity to experience service to our neighbors in a variety of ways.

Do you have any questions?

What will our responsibilities include when it comes to keeping track of student involvement?

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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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