2015
Master Gardener Program Application

The Master Gardener Program is offered by The University of Tennessee Extension. The purpose of the Master Gardener program is to train citizens as horticulturally educated volunteers of The University of Tennessee Extension and the Tennessee State Cooperative Extension Program. Volunteers work in partnership with their counties to expand the educational outreach by providing home gardeners with researched-based information.

These volunteers, known as Master Gardeners, support the Extension Service by:

- running plant clinics
- answering phone requests for horticultural information
- establishing and maintaining demonstration gardens
- working with the handicapped, youth, the elderly, and other special groups in the community
- designing and implementing community involvement projects
- coordinating local Master Gardener training programs

There will only be ONE CLASS offered which will meet on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 12:30 at the Agricenter. Classes normally start the second week in January and run through the middle of April. The fee for this 40 hour course is $150.00. Do not send money with this application. If you are accepted, you will be contacted at a later date with information about the payment of the fee. Please complete and return this form, no later than July 31, 2014, to:

Shelby County Extension
7777 Walnut Grove Road
Suite B, Box 21
Memphis, TN 38120

A Master Gardener will contact you regarding our interview process. After all interviews are completed, you will receive a letter advising you of your selection status.

Please Print

Name __________________________________________ Date _____________

Mailing Address __________________________________________________________

City ___________________________ State _____________ Zip Code ___________

Phone: Home _____________ Work _____________ Cell _____________

Email ________________________________________________

Applicant’s Signature ____________________________________
1. Why did you choose this particular volunteer program?
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2. What is your motivation for becoming a Master Gardener Volunteer Educator?
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3. What do you hope to gain from your service in this program?
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4. Why do you think you should be selected for the program?
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5. List one volunteer or Master Gardener reference (non-family) that we may contact.
   Name of Reference: _________________________________
   Contact Data: email _______________________________
   Phone: Home___________ Cell___________ Work_________

If you need additional space to complete your answers to these questions, please feel free to attach additional pages to your application.

If you are selected to participate in the 2015 Master Gardener Class, there will be an Orientation Session on November 8, 2014 from 10:00am till Noon where you will learn about the specifics of the program.

Please contact Dr. Chris Cooper or Mrs. Mary Wade at 901-752-1207 if you have questions.