

2020 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 horticultural-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 Extension 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 in 2020 which will meet on Monday evenings from 6-9 pm at the James Ward Ag. Center (Fairgrounds). Classes normally begin the last week of January and run through the middle of April. The fee for this 45-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 January 20, 2020,** to:

UT-TSU Extension, Wilson County
925 E. Baddour Parkway, Suite 100
Lebanon, TN 37087

A Master Gardener may contact you regarding our interview process.

Please Print

Name _____ Date _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Applicant's Signature _____

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1. Why did you choose this particular volunteer program?

2. What is your motivation for becoming a Master Gardener Volunteer Educator?

3. What do you hope to gain from your service in this program?

4. Why do you think you should be selected for the program?

5. List one volunteer or Master Gardener reference (non-family) that we may contact.

Name of Reference: _____

Contact Data: E-mail: _____

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 2020 Master Gardener Class, the first class will tentatively begin on January 27, 2020, where you will learn about the specifics of the program.

Please contact Lucas Holman at 615-444-9584 or lholman1@utk.edu if you have questions.

