

2011 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 to work in partnership with their counties to expand the educational outreach by providing home gardeners with researched-based information. This could only be possible through the training and utilization of local volunteers. These volunteers, known as Master Gardeners, aid 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; as well as coordinating local Master Gardener training programs.

The application fee for the 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 September 1, 2010, 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.

Classes normally start the second week in January and run through the middle of April. Classes meet once per week for three hours at the AgriCenter. Two class sessions are available.

Please circle the class you plan to attend.

Tuesday Evenings 6:00-9:00pm

Wednesday Mornings 9:30am-12:30

Please Print

Name _____ Date _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Applicant's Signature _____



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

2. Previous volunteer experience?

3. List any special skills that might be used in a volunteer capacity, particularly computer skills.

4. Are you willing to continue to participate in the master gardener program and join the local Master Gardener Association after the class finishes?

5. List your areas of gardening interest, any specific expertise or special gardening skills and the number of years you have gardened.

6. List one volunteer reference (non-family) that we may contact.

If you are selected, there will be an Orientation Session on Saturday, November 13, 2010 from 10:00am till Noon.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Chris Cooper at 901-752-1207.