

Master Gardener Volunteer Application



I wish to become a University of Maine Master Gardener. I understand I must attend a minimum of 40 hours of classes, finish all quizzes and exams, and complete an additional minimum of 40 hours of hands-on volunteer work to become certified. I understand that I can sign up for more than one project and volunteer more than 40 hours.

If I am accepted as a Master Gardener trainee, I will abide by all regulations and recommendations of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension. I understand that as a Master Gardener, I am considered a volunteer representative of the University of Maine.

Signature _____ Date _____

Name (please print) _____

Complete Mailing Address _____

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip _____ +4 _____

Phone (day) _____ (evening) _____

E-mail _____

Participants not able to complete 40 hours of volunteer service following training should not sign up for the Master Gardener Program

1. How did you learn about the UMCE Master Gardener Program?

2. Years of gardening experience? _____

3. Have you ever been in a Master Gardener Program before in Maine or another state?
 Yes No Indicate where and year(s).

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4. Please list any horticultural training you have received (location, type of training, topics, and dates if possible).

5. Please list your areas of horticultural interest or specialization (vegetables, roses, greenhouse, herbs, etc.).

6. Are you affiliated with any gardening clubs or horticulture-related groups? If so, please list.

7. Why do you wish to become a Master Gardener?

8. What are your expectations of the Master Gardener training?

9. What type(s) of volunteer work have you done?

10. How would you rate your "people skills" (ability to work with others)?

excellent good fair

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11. How would you rate your gardening skills?
expert intermediate beginner

12. Are you knowledgeable in growing any of the following? Please check.
House plants Herbs Turf
Vegetables Annual flowers Shrubs
Tree fruits Perennial flowers Ground covers
Berries Ornamental trees Other (specify)

13. How do you receive garden information? Please check all that apply.
Garden magazines Nursery/garden center personnel Family/ friends
Newspaper articles University/ college professors Garden Clubs
Extension bulletins Extension office staff Master Gardeners
Garden books Other (specify) _____

14. Are you employed now? Yes No Full-time? Part-time? Retired?

15. Check the skills you are good at:
Public speaking Artistic Teaching
Photography Writing Manual labor
Typing, filing Managing other volunteers Other (specify)

Select several project areas of interest to you

(Checking areas does not commit you to those activities. This helps in creating volunteer opportunities and organizing projects.)

Garden Questions

Answer questions in the Extension office Research information on the internet
Visit clients at home sites to assist with questions Weed / insect collection

Garden Projects

Demonstration garden 4-H youth garden projects
Garden for disabled Garden to feed the hungry
Senior citizen garden project Garden projects at the county jail or state prison.
Town beautification

Support Activities

Artwork, calligraphy Photo album, photography
Advisory Committee for MG programs Group leader for project or activity

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Communications, Writing

Garden newsletter articles
Publicity for Master Gardener Program
Design an educational exhibit

Newspaper articles
Radio/TV spots

Landscape Maintenance

Extension office landscape
Other project sites, landscape

Speaker's Bureau

Speaker/presenter
(topic: _____)
Audience make-up is not crucial

For youth groups
For adult groups

Special Events

Fair booth or other information booths
Garden tours

Fund raising events

Office Assistance

Filing/organizing paperwork
Telephone

Typing, mailing, stapling, collating

Other

Special project (topic: _____)

Return this form to:

Somerset County Extension Office
7 County Drive
Skowhegan, ME 04976

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