



ELLIS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

Application for New Class Training

Ellis County Master Gardener Association (ECMGA) is a trained volunteer educational service organization. If you have the time to commit** and the desire to educate the public, as well as to participate in community service projects, please complete this application to be considered for our training program. The Texas Master Gardener Program is governed by and training is administered through Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. Please print legibly.

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Preferred name to be called _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ County _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Current Place of Employment _____

Your role there _____

If retired, what was your profession? _____

Have you previously applied to the Master Gardener Program? _____ County _____

We are looking for individuals with the time and inclination to volunteer for different and varied programs. After your training would you:

1. Like to serve as a resource person for a classroom garden at an elementary or middle school for a growing season? Yes _____ No _____
2. Like to help develop a horticultural presentation on a topic of your choice and be willing to speak to garden clubs, schools, or other groups requesting information on the subject?
Yes _____ No _____

3. Like to work on community demonstration activities and landscaping projects? Yes _____ No _____
4. Like to do organizational work, such as helping with the Master Gardener New Class preparation, Master Gardener Newsletters, photography, writing or editing articles to for the newspapers, etc.
Yes _____ No _____ If Yes, please elaborate. _____
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When would you be available to volunteer for projects?

Mornings _____ Afternoons _____ Evenings _____ Weekends _____

Will you be available every Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. for the training class 1/31/2020-3/20/2020? _____

Will you be able to volunteer 75 hours for certification between 3/21/2020-12/21/2020? _____

Please mark your degree of interest in these sample volunteer projects:
Mark "H" for high interest, "A" for average interest, or "L" for low interest.

1. Junior Master Gardener classroom gardens: _____
2. Computer work for Master Gardener website: _____
3. Newsletter editor or writer: _____
4. Floral demonstration gardens: _____
5. Vegetable demonstration gardens: _____
6. Plant sales: _____
7. Greenhouse plant propagation: _____
8. Greenhouse maintenance: _____
9. Greenhouse grounds landscape: _____
10. Greenhouse grounds maintenance: _____
11. Public relation (newspapers, TV, radio): _____
12. Showing your garden: _____
13. Public speaking: _____

YOUR GARDEN EXPERIENCE:

Years of gardening experience _____ Describe _____

Years of gardening in Ellis County _____ Type of gardening: Floral _____ Vegetable _____

Do you belong to garden clubs or plant societies? If so, which one(s): _____

Is there anything else about yourself that you would like for us to know? _____

****If accepted into this program, I commit to attending Master Gardener training every Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. starting January 31, 2020 through March 20, 2020, for a minimum of 64 hours of classroom instruction. The cost of tuition is \$225 (check, cash, or money order payable on first day of class). I understand the training schedule may change due to weather or instructor schedules. In addition, I commit to volunteering a minimum of 75 service hours on approved projects before December 21, 2020.** Upon the successful completion of my training and service hour commitment, I will be certified as a Texas Master Gardener. I understand I must earn a minimum of 6 advanced training hours and 12 service hours on approved Ellis County Master Gardener Association projects each year thereafter to maintain my Texas Master Gardener certification status. As a Texas Master Gardener, I will continue to assist Texas A&M AgriLife Extension approved, science-based methods of gardening.

If accepted into this program, I understand I must sign and comply with the Texas Master Gardener Volunteer Agreement and Ellis County Master Gardener Pest Control Recommendation Policy.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service requires all volunteers who enter the Texas Master Gardener Program be initially screened through the Youth Protection Program and screened every three years thereafter. If accepted for the 2020 Ellis County Master Gardener class, I will consent to a national criminal background check every three years at no cost. I will also sign a Texas Master Gardener Volunteer Agreement and an affirmative Pesticide Agreement every three years.

Signed _____ Date _____

**Return this completed application before
4:00 p.m. DECEMBER 10, 2019 to:**

**Ellis County Master Gardener Association
c/o Ellis County AgriLife Extension Office
701 S I-35E, Suite 3
Waxahachie, TX 75165-4702**

If you have any questions, please call the Ellis County Extension Office at 972-825-5175.