



Texas A&M AgriLife Extension 2020 Master Gardener Application

Denton County Master Gardener Association (DCMGA) is a trained volunteer educational service organization. If you have the time to commit** and the desire to educate the public, as well as 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.

Name: _____

Please Print Legibly

Prefer to be called: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone (primary): _____ **(secondary):** _____

Email: _____

How did you hear about the Denton County Master Gardener program? _____

Why do you want to become a Denton County Master Gardener? _____

Do you have past experience with any Denton County Master Gardener active members, or similar organizations? If so, please explain.

Describe your gardening experience (none is necessary): _____

Have you received any gardening-related training? If so, where and what kind (none is necessary)?

What are your special interests or hobbies; e.g., flowers, vegetables, ornamentals, houseplants, community gardening, trees, fruit trees, wildlife, photography, bird watching, etc.?

The Master Gardener Program includes the use of computer-based applications for class and DCMGA member communications. How do you describe your computer literacy skills and comfort level?

Please describe your previous or current volunteer experience. _____

Have you ever been employed in the field of gardening or horticulture? If so, in what capacity?

Are you presently employed? _____

T-shirt size (**We suggest you order one size larger than you normally wear**): _____

**** If accepted into this program, I commit to attending Master Gardener training every Tuesday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM starting January 28 through April 28, 2020, for a minimum of 70 hours of classroom instruction. The cost of tuition is \$280. I understand the training schedule may change due to weather or instructor schedules. In addition, I commit to volunteering a minimum of 70 service hours on approved projects within the 2020 calendar year.** 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 12 advanced training hours and 12 service hours on approved Denton 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 serve the Denton County community by sharing 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 (read the full Volunteer Agreement at <https://dcmga.com/files/2013/12/Volunteer-Agreement-for-NEW-CLASS-2014.pdf>). In addition, I will be required to sign a Photo Release Form (read the full text of the Photo Release Form at <https://dcmga.com/files/2010/02/photo-release-edited-7-14.pdf>).

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 Denton County Master Gardener class, I will consent to a national criminal background check.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Please complete this application online at DCMGA.com or return it by mail to:

Denton County Master Gardener Association /Kim Wootton
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
401 W. Hickory Street, Suite 112
Denton, TX 76201-9026

Do not send fees with your application. Tuition fees are only due after acceptance into the program.

For additional information, please visit DCMGA.com or call 940-349-2883.

Class size is limited. Applications will be accepted until close of business October 18, 2019. Master Gardener applicants will begin interviews in late October.

Our Class of 2020 Informational Meeting will be held October 15, 2019 at 401 W. Hickory Street in Denton (Joseph A. Carroll Administrative Building) from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. This event provides important information for all interested candidates and an opportunity for questions. You may sign up for an interview date at that time. Meeting attendees are given priority on interview date selection. Please visit DCMGA.com after August 15, 2019 for updated information on our annual informational event.

We will seek to provide reasonable accommodation for all persons with disabilities for this program. We ask that you contact the Extension office as soon as possible to advise us of the auxiliary aid or service that will be required.

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