



## After the Informational Meeting: What Happens Next?

Thank you for your interest in our Denton County Master Gardener Program! We hope you learned valuable information. So, what happens next? Below are key activities and dates to know if you are convinced our program is the perfect place for you to learn and volunteer.

**Applications** The deadline for Denton County Master Gardener applications is October 23, 2021. If you have not done so already, you can complete an application online at [www.dcmga.com](http://www.dcmga.com). Class size is limited to 30 interns, so be sure to get your application in on time!

**Selection Process** In early November, the Class Selection Committee will meet to determine final decisions on our 2021 Intern candidates. Only the information on the application will be considered, so please answer each section completely. We need to learn as much about you as possible to make our decisions. The 2021 class size is 30 individuals, so difficult decisions may need to be made and applicants who spend the time to complete the applications thoroughly will give themselves a better opportunity to be assessed.

**Candidate Notification** Written notification to all applicants will be made no later than December 7. If you are accepted for the Class of 2021, your letter will outline next steps, including tuition payment, soil test instructions and directions to pick up your supplies for training. If you are placed on the Wait List, you will receive a phone call or email no later than January 8 if a place has opened for you.

**Class Tuition** Accepted candidates must make the tuition payment of \$200 to the Denton County Master Gardener Association no later than January 4, 2021. Payments may be made by PayPal online on our website ([www.dcmga.com](http://www.dcmga.com)). Details will be included in your acceptance letter. Please know we can make no exceptions for late

payments as we typically have a waiting list of applicants wanting to enter the program. The \$200 tuition covers class expenses, training manual, t-shirt and Intern badge, your personal soil analysis, other class supplies and graduation expenses.

**Class Begins!** Classes begin and January 26, 2021 utilizing a combination of live Zoom and Pre-recorded modules. The live classes will be held every Tuesday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM through April 27, 2021. **You must be able to commit to completing all required online modules, attending all virtual classes and 70 hours of volunteer service time in order to qualify for certification as a Texas Master Gardener.** Our class schedule may change due to weather or instructor needs.

Questions? Please contact our Class Planning Chair, Kim Wootton, at [kimtreks9@gmail.com](mailto:kimtreks9@gmail.com) to get answers!

*On behalf of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Denton County Master Gardener Association, we are thrilled about your interest in our program. We welcome your questions. Happy gardening!*

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