



Application to Become an University of Wisconsin - Extension Master Gardener Volunteer



The main purpose of the Master Gardener (MG) training class is to provide an introductory training to introduce interns to foundations of horticulture and appropriate resources to use when answering garden related questions. In exchange for the training, made possible through UW-Extension, and to become a Master Gardener Volunteer (MGV), you are required to complete volunteer service after the training.

The following steps are required to become a MGV:

- Complete the Master Gardener Volunteer Application Form.
- Complete the background check prior to the classroom training.
- Complete and sign the Volunteer Agreement prior to the classroom training.
- Pass a written examination.
- Complete a minimum of 24 hours of volunteer service within one year of completion of the classroom training.

To remain a Certified Master Gardener Volunteer in subsequent years there are annual volunteer and continuing education commitments (24 hours service and 10 hours continuing education).

Cost: \$125 includes cost for 36 hours of training, the Master Gardener Volunteer Handbook and other handouts. **No refunds will be given after the August 30th registration deadline.**

I would like to become a Master Gardener Volunteer, representing UW-Extension, and request acceptance into the MG volunteer training program offered through my local county UW-Extension office.

Name (print) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Registration is required by **August 30, 2018**. A minimum of twelve participants are needed to offer the Master Gardener Volunteer Program. **Limit 25.**

**Mail this form to: UW-Extension Master Gardener Program
212 6th Street North, Suite 2200
La Crosse, WI 54601**

**Make Checks Payable to (\$125):
La Crosse County UW-Extension**

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Please answer the following questions so we can match your talents to our volunteer needs. No experience is required; we simply want to know what your interests are. *Use another sheet of paper, if necessary.*

Why do you wish to become a Master Gardener? Are there any goals or ideas that you hope to accomplish or work toward as a Master Gardener Volunteer?

Please describe any special training, classes or experiences you've had in gardening/ horticulture.

Give us an idea of the scope of your gardening experiences (backyard, farming, community gardens) and also list areas of specialization or hobby (flowers, herbs, vegetables, pruning, etc.)

Please list and explain in some detail your volunteer experience with the community (schools, churches, senior citizens, youth, hospitals, halfway houses, etc.). Also list any group affiliations with garden clubs or service organizations.

Please list special skills that you can offer the MG program (such as computer skills, record keeping, public speaking, leadership, public relations, photography, artwork, construction etc.)

How did you learn of the Master Gardener program?
