



LOUISIANA MASTER GARDENER APPLICATION

Due: February 29, 2016

For Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, & St. Bernard Parishes
1221 Elmwood Park Blvd, Suite 300, Jefferson, LA 70123
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2016 Training – June 02 through July 28

Classes will be held Tuesday & Thursday mornings from 9:00am – 12:00pm
In the New Orleans Botanical Garden’s Garden Study Center located in City Park.
Field trips will require additional time and travel.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

1. How did you hear about the Master Gardener Program?

2. Why do you want to become a Louisiana Master Gardener?

3. In what areas of horticulture are you especially interested?

4. What are some of your hobbies or talents, other than gardening?

5. After acquiring the skills of the class, how do you see yourself using the knowledge you’ve gained?

6. Please list any groups, civic organizations, garden activities, or volunteer work in which you have participated, as well as any leadership positions you have held.

Group or Activity	Type of Work & Leadership Positions	Calendar Years

7. Please list skills that you possess which could be used to strengthen our Master Gardener program (example: writing, editing, public speaking, coordination or management of other volunteers, graphic design, computer word processing, data entry, web page maintenance, etc.).

8. What is your current occupation?

9. What days and times are you available for Master Gardener volunteer activities? Check all that apply.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Comments:
Morning							
Afternoon							
Evening							

10. Check the box next to all groups you are willing to work with.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Children – preschool or elementary age
<input type="checkbox"/>	Youth – junior or senior high age
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adults
<input type="checkbox"/>	Senior Citizens
<input type="checkbox"/>	Physically Handicapped
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mentally Handicapped
<input type="checkbox"/>	Limited Income

11. Check the box next to all types of volunteer work that you are willing to perform. Keep in mind that you will be trained for specific tasks, if needed.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintain demonstration gardens
<input type="checkbox"/>	Greenhouse maintenance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community garden plots
<input type="checkbox"/>	School garden plots and demonstrations
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gardening presentations to groups
<input type="checkbox"/>	Writing articles, newsletters, etc.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Planning Master Gardener programs and events
<input type="checkbox"/>	Staffing gardening educational displays
<input type="checkbox"/>	Creating gardening educational displays
<input type="checkbox"/>	Answering telephone gardening questions at the Extension office
<input type="checkbox"/>	Assisting Agents in administering future Master Gardener classes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Working in the Extension Office (copying, filing, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Serving as a coordinator/leader of a Master Gardener Project
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Please list on line below)

12. Please provide any additional information about yourself that may be helpful in the selection process for admission to the Louisiana Master Gardener training program.

Acceptance into the Louisiana Master Gardener Program is based on your qualifications and the current volunteer needs of the LSU AgCenter. If you are accepted into the program, you will be required to pay a \$200.00 course fee to cover the cost of training materials. This fee is non-refundable once training manuals have been ordered.

DO NOT SEND PAYMENT WITH THIS APPLICATION!

Trainees are encouraged to attend all training sessions and field trips; however, two absences are allowed. You must also score 70% or better on the final exam to graduate the course.

Some of the topics to be covered during training include:

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| 1. Soil Science | 7. Plant Propagation |
| 2. Botany | 8. Fruit & Nut Production |
| 3. Plant Pathology | 9. Vegetable Gardening |
| 4. Weed Science | 10. Home Lawn Care |
| 5. Entomology | 11. LDAH Laws & Regulations |
| 6. Pesticides & the Environment | 12. Organic Gardening |

VOLUNTEER CODE OF CONDUCT & EXPECTATIONS

Volunteers are expected to uphold high standards that ensure the safety and well-being of the LSU AgCenter, its staff, volunteers, and clients. Volunteers will uphold all individuals' rights to dignity, self-development, and self-direction. Volunteers will accept supervision and support from Extension professionals while involved in the program. Volunteers will accept the responsibility to positively represent the LSU AgCenter during the tenure and duration of their volunteer engagement. Volunteers will conduct themselves in a courteous, caring, responsible manner with focus on respect, trustworthiness, fairness, and good citizenship. Volunteers are expected to respect, adhere to, and enforce the rules, policies, and guidelines set forth by the LSU AgCenter and any programs that they are specifically assigned to. Volunteers should not commit unlawful acts and are expected to comply with equal opportunity and antidiscrimination laws. Volunteers will operate machinery, vehicles, and other equipment, when applicable, in a responsible and safe manner. Volunteers are charged with performing their duties in a responsible and timely manner.

Upon graduation, I agree to give 40 hours of volunteer service to the LSU AgCenter with a minimum of ten of those hours spent assisting with target areas designated for the 2016 Master Gardener graduates. I also agree to work a minimum of six hours at the New Orleans Spring Garden Show. New graduates will have until December 31, 2017 to complete volunteer service.

The title "Louisiana Master Gardener" is not to be used for any commercial purposes, and your name badge can only be worn at official LSU AgCenter approved programs.

I have read, understand, and will abide by the above guidelines and Volunteer Code of Conduct. I certify that the information set forth in my application is true and accurate, and I authorize the LSU AgCenter to verify the information.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Return completed applications electronically to gnogardening@agcenter.lsu.edu no later than 4:30pm February 29, 2016, or mail applications to Master Gardener Coordinator at the address listed at the top of this application. Applications postmarked or submitted electronically after the deadline will not be accepted.