



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

The main purpose of the Master Gardener (MG) training class is to prepare you to be an educator and extender of horticulture to the local community. 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 and sign the UW-Extension Volunteer Behavior Expectations form.

After the above materials have been submitted to the county UW-Extension office you will be given more information about the following:

- Complete online Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect training.
- Complete the background check (information will be emailed directly from UW Human Resources Department staff explaining the process conducted by an outside company).
- Pass a written examination.
- Complete a minimum of 24 hours of volunteer service By October 1, 2020.

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).

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 _____

County _____

Phone (home) _____

Phone (work) _____

E-mail _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please return this application to the address listed on the last page.

MG Program Application

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 or work 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?



Payment Information

Class fee: \$150.00 (Payment plans available)

Fee includes:

- Wisconsin Master Gardener Program Manual
- All classroom materials
- A name badge after all requirements for certification are met (including volunteer service)

Payment by check is preferred but money orders are also acceptable. Please make checks payable to:
UW-Extension

Refunds minus the \$40 application fee will be given if the county UW-Extension office is notified before the first class session. No refunds will be given after the program begins in February. You will receive a refund minus the \$40 application fee if not accepted into the program. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

Mail Registration and Payment to:

Extension Sauk County MGV
Attn: Phyllis Both
505 Broadway
Baraboo, WI 53913

**Deadline for registration is
August 7, 2019**

Extension Sauk County office: 608-355-3250 (M-F 8:00a - 4:30p)