

CHRIS' CORNER

2017
TN Extension Master Gardener Program Application

The Master Gardener Program is offered by University of Tennessee Extension. The purpose of the Extension Master Gardener program is to train citizens as horticultural-educators of The University of Tennessee Extension and the Tennessee State Cooperative Extension Program. Volunteers work in partnership with their counties to expand the educational outreach by providing home gardeners with researched-based information.

These volunteers, known as Extension Master Gardeners, support the Extension Service by:

- running plant clinics
- answering phone requests for horticultural information
- establishing and maintaining demonstration gardens
- working with the handicapped, youth, the elderly, and other special groups in the community
- designing and implementing community involvement projects
- coordinating local Master Gardener training programs

There will only be ONE CLASS offered which will meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at the Agricenter. Classes normally begin the first week in January and run through the third week of April. The fee for this 45 hour course is \$150.00. Do not send money with this application. If you are accepted, you will be contacted at a later date with information about the payment of the fee. Please complete and return this form, no later than July 31, 2016, to:

Shelby County Extension
7777 Walnut Grove Road
Suite B, Box 21
Memphis, TN 38120

A Master Gardener will contact you in September regarding our interview process. After all interviews are completed, you will receive a letter advising you of your selection status.

Please Print
Name _____ Date _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____
Email _____
Applicant's Signature _____

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1. Why did you choose this particular volunteer program?

2. What is your motivation for becoming an Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Educator?

3. What do you hope to gain from your service in this program?

4. Why do you think you should be selected for the program?

5. List one volunteer or Master Gardener reference (non-family) that we may contact.
Name of Reference: _____
Contact Data: email _____
Phone: Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

If you need additional space to complete your answers to these questions, please feel free to add additional pages to your application.

If you are selected to participate in the 2017 Master Gardener Class, there will be an Orientation Session on Saturday, November 12, 2016 from 10:00am till Noon, where you will learn about the specifics of the program.

Please contact Dr. Chris Cooper or Mrs. Mary Wade at 901-752-1207 if you have questions.

Program in agriculture and natural resources, 4-H youth development, family and consumer sciences, and resource development.
University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture and county governments cooperating.
U.T. Extension provides equal opportunity in programs and employment.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

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Applications for the 2017 Tennessee Extension Master Gardener classes are available now and will be accepted through July 31. In fifteen weeks of classes from January into April, students (interns) will learn about landscape design, botany, plant diseases and pests, lawn care, weeds, trees, vegetables and a wide variety of other gardening topics.

There will be only one class offered which will meet once a week on Tuesday evening from 6 pm to 9 pm. The fee for this 45-hour course is \$150.

Interns reinforce their learning by giving 40 hours of volunteer service in garden-related projects for the community and UT Extension, which sponsors the classes. Upon graduation, interns are granted the title of "Extension Master Gardeners". They will help to expand the educational outreach by providing home gardeners with researched-based information on gardening.

Extension Master Gardeners support UT Extension by running plant clinics, answering phone requests for horticultural information and working with community projects.

Applications are available at local libraries, Shelby County Extension Office (Agricenter Wing B) and on the MAMG website (www.memphisareamastergardeners.org).

The benefits of becoming an Extension Gardener include: forming friendships and having good fun, expanding your gardening skills, sharing your gardening knowledge and, most importantly, making a difference in your community!

For more information about the Extension Master Gardener program here in Shelby County, please contact me at the Shelby County Extension Office (901-752-1207). Come and help Tennessee grow better communities!



Christopher Cooper

For easy access to the application just click on the photo of the document, print, fill out and submit.