

Massachusetts Master Gardener Association
Master Gardener Training Program
At the Massachusetts Horticultural Society
Fall 2010 Application

To be considered for the Fall 2010 class, completed applications must be postmarked by June 1, 2010. Candidates will be accepted in order of application.

Applications received after class is filled, or after June 1, will be placed on a wait list. Wait listed applications may be considered for the current session based on timing and space availability; wait listed applicants will be contacted if their applications come up for consideration. Applications which cannot be considered for the fall session may be held for spring.

Name:

Name by which you prefer to be called or have listed on your Master Gardener badge and for contact purposes:

Address:

Telephone:

Day

Evening

Cell

email: _____

If you are accepted into the class, may we list you in the Master Gardener Directory?

Yes No

How did you learn about the Master Gardener program?

Newspaper MHS Literature Referred by Master Gardener (name)

TV/Radio MHS Staff MHS Website MMGA Website

Other _____

Are you a current member of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society?

Yes No

How many years have you been gardening? _____

What is/was your career? _____

Are/were you ever a member of the green industry?

Yes No

If yes, in what capacity? Landscaper Garden Designer

Garden Center Employee Grower/Farmer

Garden Maintenance Other _____

Please indicate the areas of gardening in which you feel competent:

(Please circle all that apply)

General Gardening Vegetables Perennials Fruit Woody Ornamentals

Natives Orchids Houseplants Herbs Lawns Bonsai Organic Gardening Roses

Floral Design Soil/Compost Other _____

Please indicate other skills with which you feel competent:

Teaching/Demonstration Pruning/Grafting Landscape Design

Docent Public Speaking Writing/Researching

Other _____

What coursework or training related to gardening or horticulture have you had that you feel might help you as a Master Gardener?

Please list your past or present horticultural group affiliations (e.g. garden clubs, plant societies, community gardens, etc.) and the length of time that you have been affiliated with these groups.

Please list your volunteer experiences in your community (e.g. at schools, churches, senior centers, youth groups, hospitals, etc.) as well as dates and length of your service.

Which area(s) of horticulture would you most like to learn more about?

Please circle your answers to the following questions:

Do you have experience teaching adults? Yes No

Do you have experience teaching children? Yes No

Are you comfortable speaking in public? Yes No

Do you have experience using computers? Yes No

Have you ever been a docent or tour guide? Yes No

Please list any other special skills which you feel might be relevant:

Volunteering is an integral part of the Master Gardener Program.

Please indicate when you would be able to volunteer: (circle all that apply)

Weekdays	Yes	No
Weekday evenings	Yes	No
Weekends	Yes	No

Which time of day is best for you to volunteer? Morning Afternoon Evening

I am available (circle all that apply):

Spring Summer Fall Winter

What type of volunteering interests you the most? Circle all that apply:

HelpLine Plant Clinic Greenhouse Gardens Information Station
Research Docent Master Gardener Speaker's Bureau Library
Education

Please tell us why you wish to participate in this volunteer program. Please limit your answer to 200 words or less. You may attach a typewritten page if you wish.

Applicants accepted into the Master Gardener Training Program will be expected to meet the following responsibilities:

1. To complete the Training Program including passing the exam with a minimum score of 70%.
2. To meet the course's minimum attendance policy. (The maximum number of allowed absences is two full-day classes. Three tardies of 25 minutes or more are the equivalent of one half-day absence.) The MMGA reserves the right to withdraw candidates from the program. Candidates who are withdrawn may request reinstatement for the following training session by explaining in writing why classes were missed.
3. To complete ten hours of approved volunteering by the last class.
4. To complete all required course work and homework by the last class. This includes a final take-home exam. This will also include a four-hour observation of the MG Help Line on your own time.

In order to become a MMGA Certified Master Gardener, an intern must:

1. To complete a 60-hour internship within two years.
2. To become a member of the Massachusetts Master Gardener Association, and to maintain membership in good standing.

In order to remain an active Master Gardener, MGs must:

- 1) Submit quarterly records of volunteer hours.
- 2) Commit at least 30 hours of approved volunteering on a yearly basis.
- 3) Attend necessary continuing education programs.

If you would like to pursue acceptance into the spring 2010 Massachusetts Master Gardener Association Master Gardener Training class, please enclose your application, along with a nonrefundable registration fee of \$25. Cheques may be made out to MMGA, Inc. The tuition fee of \$500 is due within two weeks of acceptance into the program.

Send your application and registration fee to:

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