

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?

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:

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| Do you have experience teaching adults? | Yes | No |
| Do you have experience teaching children? | Yes | No |
| Are you comfortable speaking in public? | Yes | No |

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 Candidates who are withdrawn may request reinstatement for the following training session by explaining in writing why classes were missed.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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Massachusetts Master Gardener Association
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