



University of California Cooperative Extension  
**Master Gardener Volunteer Application**  
 Tulare-Kings Counties



**Training Program Scheduled for Wednesdays, January 11<sup>th</sup> – June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006. 8:45 – Noon.**

I want to become a Master Gardener **volunteer** in Tulare-Kings Counties. I request acceptance into the Master Gardener volunteer training program offered by the University of California Cooperative Extension.

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**The main purpose of the MG Training class is to prepare you to be an educator and extender of horticulture to the local community. The process to become a MG follows. Please read the steps carefully before checking the boxes.**

- I understand that I become a Master Gardener Intern when I complete the required weekly training and pass a written examination.
- I understand that I must complete a background check including fingerprints prior to graduation from the training program and the cost of the program will be \$60.00 to go toward the text books and other written materials.
- I understand that in exchange for the training made possible through UC Cooperative Extension and to become a Certified Master Gardener I must volunteer **62 hours (50 hours community service & 12 hours continuing education)** to the counties' Master Gardener Program within one year of taking the examination and comply with the requirements outlined in the MG Volunteer Position Description. **Most service hours are during the week and our main meeting days are Wednesdays.**
- I understand that in subsequent years to remain a Certified Master Gardener there are annual volunteer and continuing education commitments (**25 hours volunteer & 12 hours continuing education**).
- I understand that the primary role of a Master Gardener is to be an educator and the primary service to the public is to answer home gardening questions during weekday work hours at the Master Gardener office.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete the following:** *Use the back side of application, if necessary.*

1) Please specify and list types of gardening experiences and related training or classes that you've had. 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, fruit trees, landscape trees, turfgrass, soils, irrigation, pruning, etc.)

I have \_\_\_\_\_ year (s) of gardening experience. \_\_\_\_\_

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2) 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.

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3) 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.).

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4) The Master Gardener volunteer program of Tulare-Kings counties is responsible for creating and developing its own volunteer and educational activities. We have required weekday office hours to answer phone calls and help visitors. We also go out into the community with presentations, plant clinics, and trade shows. Are there any goals or ideas that you hope to accomplish or work toward as a Master Gardener volunteer?

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5) Why do you want to become a Master Gardener?

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6) How did you learn of the Master Gardener program?

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**Please return this application to the address listed below. Application must be postmarked or delivered no later than Wednesday, November 30, 2005. Acceptance letters will be mailed in mid December.**

**Master Gardener Volunteer Program**

U.C. Cooperative Extension  
4437 S. Laspina St. Ste. B  
Tulare, CA 93274

For more information please call (559) 685-3303  
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Edna Blackhurst, MG Office Assistant



For special assistance regarding our programs, please contact us.