



WSU Master Gardener Volunteer Application

I wish to become a WSU Master Gardener volunteer and would like to be accepted in the WSU Cooperative Extension training program. I understand that in order to participate in the WSU Master Gardener Program, I will be expected to attend all training sessions and commit to a minimum of 100 hours of public educational service over 2 years. It is mandatory that I complete at least 50 of those hours during the first year. I also understand that I will be a volunteer staff member of WSU Cooperative Extension, and as such, I will only offer WSU approved recommendations and advice. I agree to become familiar with and abide by WSU Cooperative Extension policies regarding my conduct as a Master Gardener volunteer.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE:

Legal Name Last First Middle Initial Alias/Maiden/Birth Name

I prefer to use the nickname Phone: e-mail:

Mailing Address: Day Phone:

Street Address:

City, State, Zip Best time to reach me is

Do you have special needs (e.g. hearing, mobility, diabetic, heart condition, etc.) while participating in this training? Please list and/or indicate type of assistance needed.

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Transportation: Have use of car Rely on others Use public transportation or walk.

Please give the name of person(s) who should be notified in case of emergency:

Name Relationship

Address Phone

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Address Phone

TRAINING/EDUCATION Please check levels you have achieved

Elementary Jr. High High School Years of College/Areas of Study:

Post Graduate Degree Continuing Education/Adv.Studies

WORK STATUS: Please indicate your current work status or expected work status for the coming year.

_____ Full Time _____ Part Time _____ Shift Work _____ Self-employed

_____ Student _____ Retired _____ Not working outside the home

Other Volunteer Commitments

WORK, EDUCATIONAL, OR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE: List current or most recent experience first.

Employer or Organization	Position Title or Volunteer Role	Years
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Society, Professional or Organizational Affiliations: _____

GARDENING AND PLANT-RELATED EXPERIENCE: Please describe your level of experience/training/education related to gardening, botany, soils, plants, agriculture, etc."

TEACHING, PUBLIC SPEAKING, AND OTHER RELATED EXPERIENCE: Please describe any experience you've had teaching, public speaking, working directly with the public, organizing educational events, etc.

OTHER RELEVANT TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Please describe any other training, experience, skills, etc. that you believe would be relevant to you role as a Master Gardener volunteer.

ADDITIONAL SKILLS, INTERESTS OR EXPERIENCES: We sometimes need special skills or talents to enhance the quality of our volunteer programs. Please check the items below which will add to your effectiveness as a WSU Cooperative Extension volunteer

- Calligraphy, lettering
- Graphics, illustration, artwork
- Photography
- Woodworking, related crafts
- Silkscreening
- Video camera operation, editing
- Computer skills: List software: _____
- Research, data collection, experimentation
- Other: _____
- Grant writing
- Writing, editing newsletters
- Public relations, marketing
- Secretarial, clerical skills
- Accounting, bookkeeping

Other hobbies, skills, or interests: _____

In your volunteer role, with whom do you prefer to work?"

- Youth
- Adults
- Both

If you prefer to work directly with youth, what grade level(s) do you prefer?

- Primary Grades K-2
- Junior Grades 3-5
- Intermediate Grades 6-8
- Senior Grades 9-12

LANGUAGES: If you are able to speak, read or write a language other than English, please list the language(s):

Language: _____ Speak fluently _____ Read _____ Write _____ Interpret

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WHY do you want to become a WSU Master Gardener?

How did you hear about this volunteer program? _____

Have you ever been an extension volunteer? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, which program and when? _____

Where? _____

City

County

State

TRAINING PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Master Gardener Training Sessions will be held one day per week from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM for nine weeks, beginning the last week of February. Will you attend all the classes? (Circle one)

Yes

No

Are you aware of a time when you will not be available for volunteer service during the upcoming year? (e.g. job, vacation, other commitments)? List dates if known.

The WSU Extension Master Gardener Program trains volunteers to be effective community educators in gardening and environmental stewardship. The purpose of the WSU Extension MGP is to provide public education in gardening and environmental stewardship generated from research at WSU and other university systems. Volunteers are trained by WSU faculty and staff to be community educators about issues of importance in their local communities that enhance natural resources, sustain communities and improve the health and wellness of WA residents. Our training program is where the WSU Master Gardener Program develops the volunteers and fulfills its mission to the public. Our program here in Clallam County has donated thousands of pounds of produce to local food banks, and has provided thousands of hours of public education and youth outreach, all in just the past year. Our program depends entirely on the volunteer efforts of our members, so it is very important to us that the individuals we train intend to and are able to donate the required hours of volunteer service after training.

Can you make a commitment to volunteer a minimum of 100 hours over 2 years to conduct educational outreach activities for WSU Cooperative Extension during the 2011 and 2012 Master Gardener program years? (Initial one) _____Yes _____No

Comments:

For individuals who are able to volunteer the required hours, training will cost will be approximately \$200, which includes all materials.

If you do not think you can make a commitment to volunteer 100 hours, but you are still interested in receiving the Master Gardener Basic Training, you may be able to take the training for a fee of \$500 with no volunteer obligation. Does this option interest you? _____Yes _____No

If you enroll in training but fail to complete the training requirements, or if you complete the training but fail to complete your 100 hours of volunteer service, you will be billed for the difference between what you paid for training and the auditors' cost of \$500.

I understand the above paragraph _____ (initial)

To stay enrolled after the two service 'pay-back' years, Master Gardeners are required annually to complete at least ten hours of approved continuing education and also volunteer a minimum of twenty-five hours for educational activities. Do you intend to stay active in Master Gardeners after your first two years? _____Yes _____No

Comments:

Fill out the volunteer screening information and return the completed application form by January 31 to: WSU Cooperative Extension Office, 223 East 4th Street, Suite 15, Port Angeles WA 98362

You will be contacted about a screening/orientation interview once your application is processed. For questions or additional information, contact Lori at 417-2279 or Muriel at mnesbitt14@gmail.com

Signature _____ Date _____