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**Washington State University Extension
Master Gardener Program**

The WSU Extension Master Gardener Program is open to individuals interested in becoming volunteers and sharing gardening and horticulture knowledge with the general public through community outreach. Extension Master Gardener volunteers engage with communities to support stewardship of our soil, water and wildlife, and contribute to food security by using sustainable gardening practices. We welcome applicants of all experience levels and backgrounds who are passionate about increasing their gardening knowledge and giving back to communities through volunteer service.

WSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteers commit to a rigorous training program, followed by 40 hours of volunteer service to complete their certification. Certification is maintained by completing at least 25 hours of volunteer service and 12 hours of continuing education per year.

To become a WSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteer, you must be 18 years of age or older. Are you 18 years of age or older? Yes_____ No_____

Please complete and return to your local WSU Extension Office

Name:

(First)

(Middle)

(Last)

Preferred Name: _____

Mailing

Address:

(Street)

(City)

(Zip)

How may we refer to you? she/her he/him they/them other:

Would you like this information included on your name badge? (circle one) Yes / No

Phone: Day: () _____

Best Time to Call: _____

Eve: () _____

Best Time to Call: _____

Email Address:

Please describe your gardening experience or education/training (personal, volunteer, or work), or if you have not gardened, why gardening interests you:

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Annuals | Herbs | Propagation |
| Perennials | Houseplants | Greenhouses |
| Roses | Fruit trees | Container gardening |
| Lawns | Berries and grapes | Insects |
| Ornamental grasses | Trees and shrubs | Plant diseases |
| Native plants | Pruning | Weeds |
| Wildlife habitat | Soils | Landscape design |
| Vegetables | Composting | Water gardens |
| Wildfire-resistant landscaping | Climate resilient gardening | Waterwise gardening |

Share experiences where you used your time (volunteered) to help others or a cause:

In the Master Gardener Program, we often rely on volunteers' other skills, interests or experience. What non-gardening skills do you have that you would be willing to share in support of the Program?

(please check all that apply)

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|---|---------------------------------------|---|
| Microsoft Word, Excel,
PowerPoint, Outlook | Drawing/illustrating
Fundraising | Research/data collection
Public speaking |
| Website development
Graphic design | Writing/publishing
Grant writing | Teaching
Community organizing |
| Photography
Event planning | Proofreading
Marketing & publicity | Other _____
Other _____ |

Please provide specific information on the above checked categories: (optional)

If you are able to speak, read, or write a language(s) other than English (including American Sign Language), please list:

Personal References

References: List three **non-family** members who have knowledge of your skills, abilities, and qualifications. Individuals should have worked with you on projects and activities and/or have direct experience with or knowledge of your qualifications. Please provide complete email addresses and phone numbers.

Reference

(First Name)

(Last Name)

(Relationship)

(Phone Number)

(Email Address)

Reference

(Mailing Address)

(First Name)

(Last Name)

(Relationship)

(Phone Number)

(Email Address)

(Mailing Address)

Reference

(First Name)

(Last Name)

(Relationship)

(Phone Number)

(Email Address)

(Mailing Address)

I authorize Washington State University Extension to contact the listed references. I understand that a criminal background check is required prior to being fully accepted as a volunteer in the program. I understand that misrepresentation or omission of required information is just cause for non-appointment as a volunteer with Washington State University Extension. I understand that I serve at the pleasure of Washington State University Extension. I agree to abide by the policies of Washington State University Extension and individual program areas. I will fulfill the volunteer responsibilities to the best of my ability.

Applicant Signature:

Date:

Please type your name in the space above to indicate your agreement with the paragraph above.

For Office Use Only:

WSU Walla Walla County Master Gardener Training includes a required, asynchronous online portion with a time commitment of about 4 hours per week. In-person sessions with other interns and Master Gardener Veterans will be held October-February at the WSU Extension Office in Walla Walla. This in-person training requires weekday attendance and approximately 3-6 hours per week October to March.

After training, Master Gardener Volunteers complete 40 hours of volunteer service before earning their Master Gardener Certificate. In order to maintain certification, volunteers must complete 25 hours of service and 12 hours continuing education to maintain certification.

Most volunteer service happens on weekday mornings or afternoons, but some weekend or evening hours may be required.

Are you able to make the time commitment to attend training and serve as a Master Gardener Volunteer?

Yes I understand the time commitment involved in training and volunteering as a WSU Extension Master Gardener.

No I still have some questions about the time commitment or whether the program and training will work for my schedule.

Applicant Signature:

Date

Civil Rights Information WSU Master Gardener Volunteers

Confidential & Voluntary

The WSU Extension Master Gardener program is part of a land-grant university system. The land-grant university system was built on the principle that all people should have access to education. The WSU Extension Master Gardener program wants to ensure we uphold this principle in our work.

Additionally, Washington State University Extension and its programs are federally funded and as such are required by the Civil Rights Act to report demographic information for employees, volunteers and community persons who seek our services. Please complete this form and return it to your local program coordinator. Responses will not be used in the selection process. This page will be removed prior to the application being reviewed.

Our goal for collecting this information is to see how well we uphold the land-grant principle of access to education. We summarize the race, ethnicity, and gender of volunteers and of the people we serve to determine how closely WSU Master Gardener programs are to balanced participation in each county.

Note: Your name will not be reported in conjunction with your Race, Ethnicity and Gender data. The data is reported as an aggregate to USDA-NIFA and names are never included in the reports. Individually identifiable information will be treated as confidential, is not disclosed without (written) consent, and is not included in the review of application to become an Extension Master Gardener volunteer. Your name is only used to record who has reported and who has not in order to accurately report Race, Ethnicity and Gender data.

What is your gender?

Female
Male
Non-binary
Gender other or unidentified
Prefer not to respond

What is your ethnicity?

Hispanic or Latino
Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino
Ethnicity unidentified
Prefer not to respond

What is your race?

Asian
Black or African American
First Nations / American Indian /
Alaska Native
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander
Asian
White
Two or more races
Race other or unidentified
Prefer not to respond

The College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences (CAHNRS) is committed to creating and maintaining a diverse, equitable, and inclusive learning and working environment for students, staff, faculty, and the communities we serve and in which we operate.

Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local Extension office.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication or program information, or reasonable accommodation need to contact their local Extension office at least 2 weeks prior to the deadline for application.