

Duval County Master Gardener Application

Full Name: _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

_____ *City State ZIP Code*

Home Phone: () - _____ Work Phone: () - _____

Cell Phone: () - _____

E-mail: _____

Are you currently employed? Yes No

Occupation:

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Education - High School Diploma/Equivalent: Yes No

List type of college degrees:		Major:
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Have you ever pleaded "nolo contendere" (no contest), been convicted or found guilty of a first degree misdemeanor or a felony (even if adjudication withheld)? Yes No

If "yes" please explain fully offense and disposition:

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Have you applied for Master Gardener training before? Yes No

If yes: When? _____ Where? _____

Please list any specialized gardening interests or hobbies you have (such as vegetables, house plants, ornamentals, lawn care, landscaping, bonsai, carpentry, computers, writing, etc).

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What gardening affiliations do you have? (garden clubs, horticultural societies, etc).

Are you currently active in other types of organizations? (Cancer Society, Civic Club, PTA, etc). Yes No Where?

Do you do volunteer work for other groups or organizations? Yes No
If yes, please list them:

Why do you want to become a Master Gardener?

Please note below some of the areas that you would be able to volunteer in. Select the ones you would be most interested in.

- Telephone Duty at Extension Office - **All New Master Gardeners will be required to work on the telephones for a four month phone slot your first year.** This involves working a 3-hour shift in our office on a specific day every other week. Shifts are from either 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Ex: you would work every other Monday afternoon from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. for your assigned four months, approximately 7 to 8 shifts).
- Give gardening presentations to various groups, garden clubs, churches, neighborhood associations, and civic groups on timely topics.
- Work at plant clinics in retail garden centers, festivals, or special events answering gardening questions and giving out educational information.

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- Write articles for the Master Gardener Newsletter
- Junior Master Gardener Program - Assist with butterfly gardening or vegetable gardening projects in certain schools. Or be involved in hands-on teaching to elementary school children using related curriculum in the school classroom during the school year.
- Plant and maintain demonstration gardens at the Extension Office, Mandarin Demo Garden, Urban Garden, Heritage Garden at Jax Beach and other approved areas around city. **All New Master Gardeners must get 15 volunteer hours working in the landscape at the Extension office your first year.**
- Monitor monthly pesticide test the first Wednesday of each month that lasts four to five hours.
- Assist in preparation of educational literature, helping with bulk mail and computer work at the Extension Office.

What days and hours would you be available during the week to volunteer?

MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

We are very pleased that you are interested in the Master Gardener Program. There are many reasons why individuals want to be a part of this program. Please check the reasons why you would like to be a Master Gardener.

- I will have the opportunity to receive useful training.
- I will become a part of the University of Florida-IFAS.
- I will have the opportunity to share my knowledge with other gardeners.
- I will gain practical experience that can help me get a job.
- I will be able to provide a service to other people in my community.
- I can get a tax credit for my volunteer work.
- I will receive free instruction and materials.
- I will be able to increase my knowledge in the area of gardening.
- I will gain a great deal of personal satisfaction.
- I will be able to creatively use my free time.
- I will be recognized by people in my community.
- I will be able to gain new skills as a gardener.
- I will be certified by the University of Florida Cooperative Extension Service.

Other reasons not mentioned above:

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Please select the correct answer below.

1. The Master Gardener Program is sponsored by:
 - The University of Florida
 - Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
 - University of Florida/IFAS (Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences)
 - Florida Division of Plant Industry

2. The Extension Service was created by a legislative act called:
 - The Morrill Act (1862)
 - The Smith-Lever Act (1914)
 - The Hatch Act (1887)
 - The Larson Act (1898)

3. The Cooperative Extension Service is funded by:
 - The Federal Government/MSDA
 - The State of Florida
 - The County of Duval
 - All of the above

4. Duval County Master Gardeners are required to volunteer how many hours to public service?
 - 25 hours for as long as they remain active
 - 25 hours for each year they remain active
 - 50 hours total for as long as they remain active
 - 75 hours for the first year and 35 hours for each year they remain active

5. Duval County Master Gardeners are required to attain how many additional hours of horticultural training in order to recertify for another year?
 - 0 hours
 - 5 hours
 - 10 hours
 - 15 hours

6. The main purpose of the Master Gardener Program is to increase or extend the service and output of information offered by the Cooperative Extension Service.
 - True
 - False

7. The Cooperative Extension Service provides information to the community primarily in the areas of:
 - Home Economics
 - 4-H Youth
 - Agriculture
 - All of the above

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8. Master Gardeners make most pesticide recommendations using information generated from:
- Public sources such as books, magazines and newspaper articles
 - Personal, practical experience
 - UF/IFAS Duval Extension
 - All of the above
9. The title “Master Gardener” is to be used only in association with the Master Gardener Program and not for commercial purposes.
- True
 - False
10. The Master Gardeners are called upon to extend information to people involved in commercial agricultural/horticultural endeavors.
- True
 - False

Return this along with the Master Gardener application form to Master Gardener Program, 1010 N. McDuff Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32254 or fax to 904-387-8902 or email to delvalle@coj.net.