
ROCKWALL COUNTY MASTER GARDENER COURSE & VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

We appreciate your interest in the Rockwall County Extension Certified Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program. Please fill out this application to help us get to know you better. Don't feel intimidated by the questions. We are not looking for "experts", but it helps us to know a little bit about you, and your gardening and volunteer experience. Thanks for your cooperation!

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____
Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone: (Daytime) (____) _____ (Evening) _____

Do you live in Rockwall County? ____ If so, years living in Rockwall County: ____

Which Precinct Number do you live in? (Check one) 1 2 3 4

Years of gardening experience: _____ In Rockwall County? _____

How did you learn about the Master Gardener program? _____

What types or areas of volunteering most interest you? _____

List other volunteer group affiliations with community-type organizations (schools, youth, churches, senior citizens, etc.) Please note if these may **not** be contacted: _____

What is your current employment status (check the answers which apply to your situation):

- employed full-time employed part-time seeking employment retired
 Other (please specify)_____

If currently employed or retired, for whom do/did you work?_____

If self-employed, what is the name of your company?_____

Check skills or abilities you have which might be useful in volunteer work:

- Computers Writing Speaking Calligraphy Bilingual
 Design/Art Working with People Photography Grant Writing
 Other_____

Are you available to give back volunteer time during Extension Office hours (Monday through Friday, 8 am - 5 pm)? Yes NO

How would you rate your people skills?

- Excellent Good Fair Needs Improvement

How would you rate your gardening knowledge?

- Expert Intermediate Beginner No Knowledge

Check areas of horticulture specialization or hobbies:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Flowers | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Herbs | <input type="checkbox"/> House Plants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trees | <input type="checkbox"/> Design | <input type="checkbox"/> Fruits | <input type="checkbox"/> Water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roses | <input type="checkbox"/> Turfgrass | <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetables | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ornamentals | <input type="checkbox"/> Insects | <input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouses | <input type="checkbox"/> Nuts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Perennials | | <input type="checkbox"/> Propagation | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Please
Specify |

Select volunteer project areas of interest to you.
You will not be required to complete all areas you check on the application.

Garden Projects

- Maintenance
- Governing Boards
- Demonstration Garden
- Public Landscaping Assistance
- Propagation

Extension Office Work

- Telephone Work
- Home Visits
- Publicity of Events
- Computer Work

Communications/Writing

- Writing News Articles
- Newsletter Processing
- Newsletter Articles
- Speaking to Groups
 - Adult
 - Youth
- Social Media

Community Events

- Garden Tour
- Plant Swap
- Farmers Market

Booths & Exhibits

- Coordination
- Manning Booth

School / Youth Programs

List area of interest: _____

Other

- Special Project (topic): _____
- Research
- Leadership
 - Association Officer
 - Committee Chair
 - Activity Coordinator

Completed applications must be returned to the office by June 24, 2023.

Cost \$200.00 - due upon acceptance into program.

Additional information will be provided after June 24th and before the informational meeting in July.

Extension Office, 915 Whitmore, Suite B, Rockwall, Texas 75087.



Rockwall County Master Gardener Program *Opportunity Contract*

Submit this form electronically along with the application or return this form to the Rockwall County Extension Office with your completed application.

I wish to become a Rockwall County Extension Volunteer Master Gardener. I understand that to be certified as a Extension Master Gardener, I must complete the 12-week classroom training instruction, finish all quizzes/exams with an average score of 85% or higher, present a ten minute talk on an approved topic, complete 72 hours of volunteer hands-on training work and report my work hours through an online process. I understand that 3 hours of my hands-on training must be spent at the Rockwall County Master Gardener Office assisting clientele and office staff of Texas AgriLife Extension Service with horticulture related questions and programming. At least 6 hours will also be spent in the Discovery Garden. I understand that I can sign up for more than one hands-on project and volunteer more than the required number of hours.

Before becoming an intern, I must pass a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension required background screen. If I am accepted as a Rockwall County Extension Master Gardener Volunteer intern , I will abide by all regulations and recommendations of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, The Texas Master Gardener program, and the Rockwall County Master Gardener Association. I agree to provide Texas A&M University/ land grant university research-based pest control recommendations even if they include synthetic chemical practices.

I understand that as a Rockwall County Extension Master Gardener, I am a representative of the Rockwall County Extension Office, serving under the supervision of the County Extension Agent - Agriculture/Natural Resources. I agree to represent the Extension Office and Association in a professional manner and reflect a positive image, respect civil rights, confidences and clientele information, and to enjoy my volunteer time.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: (please print) _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (day) _____ (evening) _____

e-mail: _____

