

2008
MASTER GARDENER TRAINING APPLICATION
Hampton, Gloucester, Newport News, York

APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 30, 2008

Please print or type

Name (full legal name): _____

Address: _____
PO Box/Street City/State/Zip Code

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

E mail: _____ Cell: () _____

(1) Why do you wish to become a Master Gardener?

(2) Indicate any experience, personal training, or special interest(s) you have in the following:

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| House plants | Roses | Native plants |
| Herbs | Shade plants | Tree fruits |
| Azaleas | Turf care | Small fruits |
| Boxwood | Landscape Design | Trees |
| Vegetables | Bulbs | Composting |
| Greenhouses | Perennials | Organic gardening |
| Water quality | Wild flowers | Composting with worms |
| Pruning | Diseases | Gardening with kids |
| Containers | Insects | Gardening with seniors |

OTHER: _____

(3) Do you have skills in non-horticultural areas such as public relations, public speaking, writing, lettering, making posters, computers/word processing, organization, media contacts, event coordination, fund raising, arts & crafts, finance, management, grant writing, etc.

(4) How did you learn about the Master Gardener Program?

(5) List all volunteer work experience with the public. Did you find this work rewarding? Why?

(6) Check the program activities where your talents and skills would be most useful.

- Developing and presenting educational horticultural exhibits, handouts, and programs.
- Identifying horticultural problems, developing and implementing solutions through on-site visits.
- Answering telephone environmental and horticultural questions.
- Developing community landscaping areas and garden projects.
- Conducting tree pruning and lawn maintenance classes.
- Developing and presenting to youth groups horticultural classes that support various Standard of Learning goals and to give students hands-on experiences working with plants, soil, and water.
- Compiling gardening newsletters, writing articles, or computer data entry.

(7) When will you be available to volunteer?

Monday – Friday (8:00am-4:30pm) Yes No

Weekends: Yes No Evenings: Yes No

(8) The course fee is \$85.00. Please complete this application and submit a check payable to your respective unit:

Gloucester:	<u>VCE-Gloucester</u>
Hampton:	<u>Hampton Master Gardeners</u>
Newport News:	<u>NNMGA</u>
York County:	<u>York County Extension Horticultural Programs</u>

UNIT TRAINING COORDINATORS:

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 Yorktown, VA 23693

MG CONTRACT

VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT:

Upon acceptance into and satisfactory completion of the VCE Master Gardener volunteer training program, I agree that during the calendar year following completion of my training I will volunteer a minimum of fifty (50) hours of service to the horticultural programs of the Virginia Cooperative Extension office in the city/county in which I live. Satisfactory completion of the training program *and* the required volunteer time will qualify me as a CERTIFIED Virginia Cooperative Extension MASTER GARDENER.

I understand and agree that to retain the title of VCE MASTER GARDENER I must annually provide a minimum of twenty (20) *volunteer service hours* and acquire a minimum of eight (8) *educational* hours in advanced and/or refresher horticultural training during subsequent years.

I agree to abide by all policies and procedures of Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE).

I understand that VCE programs and employment are open to all, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, veteran status, national origin, disability, or political affiliation. VCE is an equal opportunity employer.

SIGNATURE

DATE

How would you like your name to appear on your badge?

**PLEASE CHECK ALL FORMS FOR COMPLETENESS.
RETURN THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR UNIT TRAINING COORDINATOR:**

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- Master Gardener Contract
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