



Louisiana Master Gardener Training Program

St. Tammany Parish Extension Office
1301 N. Florida St. Suite B, Covington, LA 70433
Phone 985.875.2635 | Fax 985.875.2639 | <http://www.lsuagcenter.com>



Application Deadline: Friday, July 8, 2022

Training Program Dates: August 3 – November 16, 2022

Application

Acceptance into the LSU AgCenter Louisiana Master Gardener Training Program is based upon your qualifications and the current volunteer needs of the County Agent. Space is limited to 24 participants.

Fees

If accepted, you will be required to pay a \$225 course fee, covering the cost of training materials, name tags, classroom supplies, and simple refreshments. A separate fee of \$20 is required for membership in the St. Tammany Parish Master Gardener Association. **Do not send any payments with this application.**

Program

The program is presented in-person with some online components. Class meetings will take place on Wednesday evenings from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the St Tammany Parish Extension Office (1301 N. Florida St. Covington, LA 70433). Lecture material will be presented in a traditional classroom format with activities and demonstrations as needed. Chapter quizzes, evaluations, and a final exam are utilized to maintain progress. Students will be required to attend all training sessions, field trips, review all program material, and complete all required activities. Field trips may require additional time and travel to offsite locations.

Topics covered during the training include:

- Master Gardener Program History
- Botany
- Plant Propagation
- Entomology
- Plant Pathology
- Weed Science
- Soils
- Pesticide Safety
- Lawn Care
- Vegetables
- Herbs
- Fruit Trees
- Annuals
- Perennials
- Herbaceous Plants
- Pruning
- Soil and Plant Nutrition
- Plant Identification



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Volunteer Code of Conduct

Volunteers are expected to uphold high standards that ensure the safety and well-being of the LSU AgCenter, its staff, volunteers and clients. Volunteers will uphold all individuals’ rights to dignity, self-development and self-direction. Volunteers will accept supervision and support from Extension professionals while involved in the program. Volunteers will accept the responsibility to positively represent the LSU AgCenter during the tenure and duration of their volunteer engagement. Volunteers will conduct themselves in a courteous, caring, responsible manner with focus on respect, trustworthiness, fairness, and good citizenship. Volunteers are expected to respect, adhere to and enforce the rules, policies and guidelines set forth by the LSU AgCenter and any programs that they are specifically assigned to. Volunteers should not commit unlawful acts and are expected to comply with equal opportunity and antidiscrimination laws. Volunteers will operate machinery, vehicles and other equipment, when applicable, in a responsible and safe manner. Volunteers are charged with performing their duties in a responsible and timely manner.

Applicant’s Agreement

I would like to be considered for the Louisiana Master Gardener Training Program. I agree to assist the County Agent in conducting horticultural programs by volunteering 40 hours of service during the next year following completion of the training. I understand that I may not use the Louisiana Master Gardener title for any commercial purposes and may only use this title while actively volunteering on behalf of the LSU AgCenter.

I understand the above Volunteer Code of Conduct and Applicant’s Agreement.

Signature _____ Date _____



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Please print or type your responses

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Profession (former profession, if retired) _____

Employment (circle one) Full-time Part-time Retired

Gardening Experience & Studies

Have you ever completed a Master Gardener training course? Year _____ State _____ County/Parish _____

How many years of gardening experience do you have? _____

Why do you want to become a Louisiana Master Gardener?

List your favorite areas of horticulture in which you are the most interested. (i.e., annuals, perennials, vegetables, fruit trees, herbs, etc.).

List any training or formal education you have received in areas of horticulture



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Hobbies, Talents, Activities, & Other Skills

List some of your hobbies or talents other than gardening.

List any civic groups, garden clubs, plant societies, or other interest groups you have been a part of.

| Group | Office Held or Activity | Years |
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List any previous volunteer work you have done.

| Group, Individual or Company Name | Type of Work | Years |
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Please indicate your level of interest in the following areas by circling the appropriate number.

| Volunteer Areas | Not Interested | Somewhat Interested | Very Interested | Extremely Interested |
|--|----------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Gardening consultation for individuals | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Assist in the diagnosis of plant problems | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Community garden plots and demos | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Gardening talks to groups | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Community beautification projects | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Writing articles, newsletters, etc. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Assist with future LMG classes | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Assist with display gardens | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Assist in extension office (phone calls, walk-ins, etc.) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Participate in community service projects | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

Please indicate your level of interest in working with the following groups by circling the appropriate number.

| Groups | Not Interested | Somewhat Interested | Very Interested | Extremely Interested |
|--|----------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Children (pre-school or elementary age) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Youth (junior or senior high school age) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Adults | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Senior citizens | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Physically handicapped | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Mentally handicapped | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Limited income | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |



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List any skills that you possess which could be used to strengthen our Master Gardener Association (i.e., writing, editing, public speaking, coordination, management of volunteers, graphic design, web page building, data entry, word processing, etc.).

Please provide any other information about yourself that may help us select you for admission into the Louisiana Master Gardener program.

I certify that the information set forth in my application is true and accurate, and I authorize the LSU AgCenter to verify the information.

Signature _____ Date _____

Do not send payment at this time. The application deadline is July 8, 2022.

Deliver completed application to:

**LMG Coordinator
LSU AgCenter, St. Tammany
1301 N. Florida St.
Covington, LA 70433**

Mail completed application to:

**LMG Coordinator
LSU AgCenter, St. Tammany
P.O. Box 5438
Covington, LA 70434**

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