Sunflower Extension District #6
MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

2021 Application
Sign up through your local Extension Office by August 25, 2021

County________________________  Date: ___________________
Name:___________________________  E-mail: _______________
Address:_________________________  City/Zip: _______________
Phone (Home):____________________  Phone (Office): __________

Mission Statement: The purpose of the Extension Master Gardener (EMG) program is to train and support volunteers willing to provide educational programs developed and supported by extension board and K-State Research and Extension.

Guidelines for Master Gardener Program Participation: Admission to the Master Gardener Program requires that the applicant:

◆ Be a Sunflower Extension District County resident, or agree to repay your commitment of Volunteer service in the Sunflower Extension District.
◆ Have a high school diploma or equivalent.
◆ Possess a broad interest in horticulture.
◆ Support the objectives of the Master Gardener Program and the Extension Programs of the Sunflower Extension District Board.
◆ Be able to read and comprehend an extensive notebook of support materials to be used for future reference.
◆ Complete the basic Master Gardener Training Course.
◆ Complete the 40 hours of volunteer work with Extension Agent-approved projects by December 31st, 2022 following basic course completion.
◆ Continuation as a Master Gardener in good standing requires completion of 8 hours of continued Master Gardener training and a minimum of 20 volunteer hours annually.

Present Occupation:

Employed Full Time: ______  Homemaker: ______
Employed Part Time: ____  Retired: ______

Will your employment or other regular commitments allow you to be available to participate in the Basic Master Gardener Training Course and required volunteer activities? Yes____ No _____
**Gardening Experience:** Please describe any training courses or experience you have had in gardening.

Check area(s) of specialization or experience:

- [ ] Annuals
- [ ] House Plants
- [ ] Trees and Shrubs
- [ ] Art or drawing
- [ ] Landscaping
- [ ] Vegetables
- [ ] Computers
- [ ] Lawn Care
- [ ] Water Gardening
- [ ] Fruit
- [ ] Perennials
- [ ] Writing
- [ ] Herbs
- [ ] Photography
- [ ] Other (please explain)

Garden Group Affiliation(s):

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Other associated volunteer activities:

**Your role as a Master Gardener:**

As a trained Master Gardener, how would you rank your enjoyment of the following types of activity: (1 indicates the most enjoyable, 5 the least)

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<td>Research some horticultural topic and prepare an article or report on your findings.</td>
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<td>Participate in a discussion group with other Master Gardeners.</td>
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<td>Lead a discussion with neighbors on gardening practices.</td>
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<td>Instruct a class on pruning fruit trees or some other specific topic.</td>
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<td>Teach young children about gardening basics.</td>
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<td>Organize a neighborhood growing group.</td>
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<td>Work in a garden.</td>
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<td>Design and plant a garden.</td>
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Explain briefly why you wish to become a Master Gardener.
If KSU and Extension scientific research and experience indicate benefits from the use of chemical compounds for specific horticultural purposes, would you recommend their use to gardeners who are seeking your advice even though you may personally oppose the use of any chemical interventions? (If your answer is no, please explain).

Thank you for your interest in the *Master Gardener Program* and for completing the application. It will be carefully considered, and you will be contacted by the end of January. *Please be sure to sign the application.*

**AGREEMENT**

I wish to become a Sunflower Extension District *Master Gardener Trainee* and would be available for the training session which begins September 2, 2021 and continues each Thursday from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm through December 16, 2021. Trainings will be held weekly with online sessions. If you do not have internet services, contact your local extension office to check on possibilities to do the sessions in the office.

I understand as a NEW volunteer that if accepted into the Training Program, I am entering into a contract to return 40 hours of volunteer time in communicating research-based horticultural information to the public by December 31st, 2021 following the basic training course completion. I further understand that continuation as an active *Master Gardener* in good standing requires completion of both 8 hours of *continuing Master Gardener Training* and a minimum of 20 volunteer hours annually.

For previous Master Gardener volunteers, you will need to take part in the training and consider this as a refresher course. You will not be required to do the 40 hours of volunteer time, just the 20 volunteer hours annually.

*Master Gardeners* volunteers may not participate in the Extension *Master Gardener Program* for personal gain or for commercial recommendations or endorsements. *Master Gardeners* are expected to provide recommendations based on research-based information and to provide educational program assistance in support of the general County / District Extension education program.

*Master Gardeners* operate under the control of a trained Extension professional responsible for monitoring their performance and the progress of their continuing education.

Signed,

Master Gardener Applicant _______________________________ Date ________________

RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO YOUR LOCAL OFFICE, WITH A CHECK FOR $45.00 MADE TO SUNFLOWER EXTENSION DISTRICT.

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