Master Gardener
Volunteer Interest Form
If you would like an application for the Master Gardener Volunteer Program mailed to you, please complete and mail this portion to:

CCEUC
232 Plaza Road
Kingston, NY 12401
Attn: MG Program

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2019-2020

Cornell Cooperative Extension Ulster County
Master Gardener Program
A volunteer program for residents of NY State
**What is the Master Gardener Program?**

A nationwide educational outreach program educating:
- Home gardeners
- Youth and adults
- Community gardeners

**Who are Master Gardeners?**

We are neighbors teaching neighbors about landscapes, vegetables, fruits, herbs, houseplants, beneficial and harmful insects, plant diseases, integrated pest management (IPM), wildlife management, soils, birds, composting, water conservation and much, much more!

We are a dedicated group of volunteers in New York State who are trained by Cornell Cooperative Extension in the science and art of gardening.

**What are the qualifications to become a Master Gardener?**

- A basic interest and knowledge about landscape and food gardening
- Enthusiasm for acquiring and sharing horticulture knowledge and skills
- Interest in teaching others
- Ability to communicate verbally and in writing
- Understanding of Cornell Cooperative Extension’s educational mission
- Flexible time schedule to allow participation in the program
- Ability to volunteer time on horticulture projects and functions to help meet the goals of the county’s Cornell Cooperative Extension Program

**What do Master Gardeners do?**

Programs and activities of the Master Gardeners are based on educational priorities of individual counties, differing from county to county. Some of these include:
- Answering horticulture inquires on the telephone
- Researching and answering letters
- Writing articles about gardening
- Setting up demonstration projects in public places
- School gardens
- Plant and insect identification
- Community improvement projects
- Historic garden restoration
- Horticulture therapy
- Organizing plant sales and public events
- County fair informational booths
- Providing advice to customers at garden centers
- Increasing awareness of integrated pest management and water quality conservation and other environmental issues

**How Can I Become a Master Gardener Volunteer?**

Applications will be available beginning July 2019 online at [https://tinyurl.com/MG-Volunteer-App](https://tinyurl.com/MG-Volunteer-App) or can be obtained in person by visiting the CCEUC Office located at 232 Plaza Road in Kingston.

All applicants will be required to:
- Complete an application with references
- Attend a formal interview
- Submit permission for a criminal background check

The fee for this program is $250 and requires 100 hours of volunteer commitment which should be completed within the first 2 years. All course materials are included with the above fee. $50 will be refunded upon completion of your volunteer work.

We will begin contacting applicants in July 2019 by phone to set up the initial interview.

The training consists of 16 classes which begin in September 2019 and will continue through January 2020. Each compulsory class occurs during the day, once a week, for a total of 16 weeks.

For more information please call Master Gardener Coordinator, Dona Crawford at 845-340-3990 ext. 335.