

2025 Master Gardener Class

Start Date:

July 15, 2025

End Date:

October 21, 2025

How often:

Every Tuesday, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Course Fee:

\$200 - includes manual, publications, name badge, and all class supplies.

Where: The Lloyd Johnson Law Enforcement Training Facility in St. John the Baptist Parish in LaPlace.

How to Apply: Complete the enclosed application and return to the St. Charles, St. John, or St. James Extension Offices or email Alyssa Tarrant (atarrant@agcenter.lsu.edu).

Questions? Applications due July 1

Contact the St. Charles Hort. Agent Alyssa Tarrant at 985-543-4132 or atarrant@agcenter.lsu.edu **OR** The St. John & St. James Hort Agent Stephanie Gravois at 225-562-2320, sgravois@agcenter.lsu.edu

The Louisiana Master Gardener Program is a volunteer development program offered by the LSU AgCenter. Master Gardener volunteers are highly trained and provide proven, research-based educational programs to Louisiana residents.

Participants in the Master Gardener class receive 40+ hours of horticulture training in topics such as: botany, plant propagation, entomology, plant pathology, weed science, soils, pesticide safety, lawn care, vegetables, fruits, herbaceous plants & more!

Upon successful completion of the training and volunteering for 40 hours, participants will become Certified Louisiana Master Gardeners.



River Region Master Gardeners distributing plants and information at the German Coast Farmers' Market.



For the latest research-based information on just about anything, visit our website: www.LSUAgCenter.com

RIVER REGION MASTER GARDENER APPLICATION

LSU AgCenter - St. Charles Parish
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 557
Physical Address: 453 Spruce St.
Norco, LA 70079
985-277-1850

LSU AgCenter - St. John Parish
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 250
Physical Address: 151 East 3rd St.
Edgard, LA 70049
985-497-3261

LSU AgCenter - St. James Parish
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 849
Physical Address: 2204 S. Albert St.
Lutcher, LA 70071
225-562-2320

Dear potential Louisiana Master Gardener program applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Louisiana Master Gardener program, a volunteer program of LSU AgCenter. Louisiana Master Gardeners help the LSU AgCenter provide research-based horticultural education to the public.

Participation in the program begins with 40+ hours of training, typically held over fourteen class periods and one or more field trips. After successful completion of the coursework, class presentations, and an end-of-course exam, participants become Louisiana Master Gardener (LMG) Apprentices and have one year to complete at least 40 hours of volunteer service. Following fulfillment of the volunteer service requirement, LMG Apprentices become Certified Louisiana Master Gardeners. After that, continuation as a Certified LMG requires 20 hours of volunteer service and 6 hours of continuing education per year.

Some of the topics covered during training include botany, plant propagation, soil science and fertilizers, vegetables, fruits and nuts, ornamental plants, lawns, plant diseases, plant insects, weeds, and pesticides.

Volunteer opportunities include providing research-based horticultural education to home, school, and community gardeners. Some examples of possible volunteer opportunities are as follows:

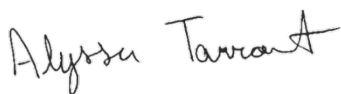
- Giving presentations/demonstrations for civic or school groups
- Distributing LSU AgCenter publications at events, such as the Farmer's Market
- Working in demonstration gardens
- Assisting with school or community garden projects
- Fundraising
- Assisting with LSU AgCenter horticulture educational events

Volunteer opportunities are not limited to the examples mentioned above but can include other ways of reaching the public with non-biased, research-based horticultural information.

If you are interested in participating in the Louisiana Master Gardener program, please complete this application and return it to Alyssa (atarrant@agcenter.lsu.edu), Stephanie (sgravois@agcenter.lsu.edu) or to one of the addresses shown at the top of this page. The holding of a class will depend in part on the number of applicants from whom interest has been expressed. All applicants will be required to pass a soft background check. This class requires internet access for videos and quizzes. If internet access is an issue, please give us a call.

You can expect a response within one week of our receipt of this application. If you do not receive a response within one week, or if you have questions, please e-mail one of us.

Sincerely,



Alyssa Tarrant
Assistant Extension Agent
Agriculture and Natural Resources (Horticulture)
St. Charles Parish



Stephanie Gravois
Assistant Extension Agent
Agriculture and Natural Resources (Horticulture)
St. James and St. John Parishes

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

1. Why do you want to become a Louisiana Master Gardener?

2. In what areas of horticulture are you especially interested?

3. What are some of your hobbies or talents, other than gardening?

4. After acquiring the skills of the program, how do you see yourself using the knowledge you have gained?

5. Please list any groups, civic organizations, garden activities, or volunteer work you've participated in. Include any leadership position you have held.

Group or Activity	Type of Work & Leadership Positions	Calendar Years

7. Please list skills that you possess which could be used to strengthen our Master Gardener program (example: writing, editing, public speaking, coordination or management of other volunteers, graphic design, computer word processing, data entry or web page maintenance, etc.).

8. What is your current occupation?

9. Please circle days and times are you available for Master Gardener volunteer activities? Circle all that apply.

Monday – Morning, Afternoon, or Evening

Tuesday - Morning, Afternoon, or Evening

Wednesday - Morning, Afternoon, or Evening

Thursday - Morning, Afternoon, or Evening

Friday - Morning, Afternoon, or Evening

Saturday - Morning, Afternoon, or Evening

Comments:

10. Check the box next to each group you are willing to work with.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Children – Preschool to Elementary Age
<input type="checkbox"/>	Youth – Middle School to High School Age
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adults
<input type="checkbox"/>	Senior Citizens
<input type="checkbox"/>	Physically Handicapped
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mentally Handicapped

11. Check the box next to each volunteer task that you are willing and interested in performing. Keep in mind that you will be trained for any specific tasks, if needed.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Assisting Agents and/or Master Gardeners with educational events
<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining demonstrations gardens
<input type="checkbox"/>	Creating gardening educational displays
<input type="checkbox"/>	Staffing the gardening educational displays and answering questions
<input type="checkbox"/>	Presenting to community or school groups
<input type="checkbox"/>	Developing gardening educational activities for community events
<input type="checkbox"/>	Answering gardening questions at community events
<input type="checkbox"/>	Assisting with school or community gardens
<input type="checkbox"/>	Writing articles, newsletters, etc.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Assisting with future Master Gardener classes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Planning Master Gardener programs and events
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other – List please

12. Please provide any additional information about yourself that may be helpful to you during the selection process for admission to the Louisiana Master Gardener training program.

Acceptance into the Louisiana Master Gardener Training Program is based on your qualifications and the current volunteer needs of the LSU AgCenter. If you are accepted into the program, you will be required to pay a course fee to cover the cost of training materials.

VOLUNTEER CODE OF CONDUCT & EXPECTATIONS

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 participating 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 expected to perform their duties in a responsible and timely manner. Volunteers are required to pass a soft background check with the LSU AgCenter.

Trainees are encouraged to attend all training sessions and field trips; however, two absences are allowed. You must also score 70% or better on the final exam to graduate the course.

The title "Louisiana Master Gardener" is not to be used for any commercial purposes, and your name badge can only be worn at official LSU AgCenter approved programs.

I have read, understand, and will abide by the above guidelines and Volunteer Code of Conduct. I certify that the information set forth in my application is true and accurate, and I authorize the LSU AgCenter to verify the information. If I am accepted into and enroll in the Master Gardener course, I agree to give 40 hours of volunteer service to the LSU AgCenter within the year following completion of the class.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Return the completed application to atarrant@agcenter.lsu.edu or to one of the two LSU AgCenter offices listed on this application.