

Louisiana Master Gardener Application

St. Tammany Parish Extension Office
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<http://www.lsuagcenter.com/>

2017 Louisiana Master Gardener Training Program

August 10 – October 26, 2017

Application deadline: July 31, 2017

Classes will be held Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00am to 12:00pm at the St. Tammany Extension Office located near the St. Tammany Parish Fairgrounds Complex. Field trips will require additional time and travel to and from Hammond and other specified locations.

Please print the following information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Acceptance into the LSU AgCenter's Louisiana Master Gardener is based upon your qualifications and the current volunteer needs of County Agent. The training will be limited to 25 participants. If more than 25 applications are received applicants will be evaluated and ranked by committee. Upon acceptance you will be required to pay a \$215 course fee in order to cover the cost of the training material, name tags, classroom supplies, and refreshments. A separate \$12.00 annual membership fee will required for admission into the St. Tammany Parish Master Gardener Association. **DO NOT SEND ANY PAYMENTS WITH THIS APPLICATION**

Students will be required to attend all training sessions and field trip and also complete a written final examination.

Topics to be covered during the training will include:

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| 1. Registration and Introduction | 10. Hammond Research Station |
| 2. Botany | 11. Arboriculture |
| 3. Propagation | 12. Woody Plant Materials |
| 4. Soils and Composting | 13. Pesticide Safety |
| 5. Plant Pathology | 14. Vegetables |
| 6. Turfgrass Management | 15. Fruits and Nuts |
| 7. Weed Management | 16. Nursery Tour Field Trip |
| 8. Entomology | 17. Student Projects |
| 9. Invasive Plant | 18. Final Exam |
| | 19. Graduation |

I would like to be considered the for the 2017 Louisiana Master Gardener Training Program. I agree to provide the County Agent with 40 volunteer hours helping him educate the public on horticultural issues. I understand that I may not use the Louisiana Master Gardener title for any commercial purposes and may only be used while actively volunteering on behalf of the LSU AgCenter

My signature is verification that I have read the above guideline and that I am willing to abide by them.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Gardening and Related Experience

Please print the following information:

1. Have you ever applied to the LMG program? (yes / no). If yes then where? _____

2. How many years of gardening experience do you have? _____

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

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

5. List some of your hobbies or talents other than gardening.

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

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

Group	Office Held or Activity	Years

8. Have you ever held a leadership role in any of the above groups or organization? If so please list offices.

9. List any previous volunteer work you have done.

Person or Group Name	Type of work	Years

10. 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...)

11. Are you currently employed? (Yes / No) Are you retired? (Yes / No)

12. What is/was your profession? _____

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

	Interested			
	Not	Somewhat	Very	Extremely
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

14. Please indicate your level of interest in the following areas by circling the appropriate number.

	Interested			
	Not	Somewhat	Very	Extremely
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

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

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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.

I have read, understand, and will abide by the 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.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



Return complete application to:

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

Mailing address:

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

DO NOT SEND PAYMENT AT THIS TIME.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS JULY 31, 2017.