



Deadline April 7, 2017

**Family & Community Health Sciences (FCHS)
FCHS Master Food Preserver Program Application – Class of 2017**

5 Week Training: April 20, 27; May 4, 11, & 18 10 to 3 pm

Family and Community Health Sciences (FCHS), a part of Rutgers Cooperative Extension, promotes health and wellness through education, research and collaboration with outreach in food, nutrition, and healthy lifestyles. FCHS works to promote healthy families, schools, and communities. Through leadership, collaborative efforts, and science-based education, we foster a culture of wellness. The *FCHS Master Food Preserver Program* trains volunteers to teach the public how to safely preserve food at home.

I wish to become a ***FCHS Master Food Preserver (FMFP)*** and would like to be accepted for the 2017 training. Upon successful completion of FMFP training, **I agree to volunteer a minimum of 12 hours each calendar year (24 hours over 2 years) and participate in 8 hours of continuing education over 2 calendar years** in support of FCHS in specified FMFP activities (see Position Description) in agreement with the FCHS professional in the county where volunteering or from the FMFP project leaders.

A fee of \$200 will cover course materials and supplies. Please submit your check with this application. Make your check out to “Rutgers, The State University”.

Space is limited and we need 10 people to hold a class. Applications are dated upon receipt. Volunteers are accepted in the order received, pending successful application review, including interview and references.

NAME (please print): _____ COUNTY _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE: (indicate Home, Cell or Work) _____

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E-Mail Address (Required) _____

Please answer the following:

1. Why do you wish to become a FCHS Master Food Preserver?

2. Put an "X" to indicate your level of expertise in each home food preservation category.

	Beginner	Intermediate	Advanced
Canning			
Freezing			
Dehydrating			

3. Briefly list your experience and/or training in home food preservation.

4. If applicable, describe what you preserve, method (can, freeze, dry) and about how many jars or containers per year.

5. Describe any experience (beyond the home) or training you have in food, cooking, nutrition, food safety or similar.

6. Please list past volunteer roles and/or activities in community, faith, civic, sports or other groups if applicable.

7. List 2 references from past or current employment and/or volunteer activities. Please DO NOT list family members, relatives or e-mail contacts as references. Please provide complete information.

1. Name, Relationship, Mailing Address, Daytime Phone

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8. Do you anticipate any circumstances that would keep you from attending class or fulfilling the minimum volunteer commitments within the next 2 calendar years?

Yes

No

If yes, please explain:

Return this application to:

Family & Community Health Sciences
Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Somerset County
310 Milltown Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807
Or email: lconley@co.somerset.nj.us

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

(A typed signature will be acceptable for electronic submission.)

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