



Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Somerset County
MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM APPLICATION
Class of 2018

I wish to become a Rutgers Master Gardener and would like to be considered for the training class (mid-September of 2017 to late March 2018). Upon successful completion of Master Gardener class training, I agree to perform at least 100 hours of volunteer service within 18 months of graduation in support of Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Somerset County. I will volunteer a minimum of 50 hours on the Rutgers Master Gardener Helpline in Somerset County, the remaining 40 hours in specified Master Gardener activities (see current Position Description), and 10 hours continuing education. If I am not a resident of Somerset County, I will volunteer the hours described in Somerset County. I understand there is a fee of \$250.00 to cover course materials and speaker fees. These fees are payable upon admission to the class after the interview process.

Do not send your check with this application. Application deadline post mark or office delivery is June 2, 2017.

Signature:

Date of Application:

Name:

Address:

City:

Zip Code:

County:

Phone (H):

Phone (C):

Email:

Please complete the following:

1. Rate your gardening expertise: Beginner Intermediate Advanced Expert

2. Briefly list your experience and/or training in gardening/horticulture:

3. List areas of Gardening specialization (such as vegetables, lawns, perennials, etc.)

4. Why do you wish to become a Rutgers Master Gardener Volunteer?

5a. Please check the one area of specialization you wish to dedicate a minimum of 20 hours of the 100 hour for initial certification.

Community Gardens:

Youth programs such as school gardens:

Garden Helpline:

Community events:

Sustainable Landscapes:

Gardening with special needs populations:

5b. In addition to the program areas above, what types of volunteer projects would you like to get involved with as a Rutgers Master Gardener volunteer?

6. Do you belong to a garden club or plant society? If so, which one(s)?

7. Please list past volunteer work experiences, community, or civic activities and positions held.

8. List three references from past or current employment and/or volunteer activities. Please DO NOT list family members, relatives, or email contacts as references. Please provide complete information for names, addresses, and phone numbers.

Name	Mailing Address	Phone number
1.		
2.		
3.		

9. Do you have skills in non-horticulture areas such as writing, computers, graphics, art, or photography that might be relevant to Master Gardener activities?

10. Do you anticipate any circumstances that would keep you from attending class, fulfilling the minimum volunteer commitments within 18 months of graduation, or participating in other volunteer activities?

Yes:

No:

Please return this application to:

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Somerset County
c/o Joe Gyurian, Horticulture Consultant
310 Milltown Road
Bridgewater, NJ 08807-3587



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