OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

(All sections must be completed for consideration as a Master Gardener Volunteer)

Our Mission: We are Ohio State University Extension trained volunteers empowered to educate others with timely research-based gardening information.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: _________________________________________________________________________________
   (First)   (Middle)   (Last)

Mailing Address: __________________________________________________________________________
   (Street)     (City)                     (Zip)

Phone: Day: (         ) ________________________  Best Time to Call:  __________
   Eve: (         ) ________________________  Best Time to Call:  __________

Email:_________________________________________________________________________________

Length of time at this address (years):  ____________    Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY):_________________

Have you participated in Ohio State University Extension activities or programs previously? (list most recent involvement)
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If you have been a Master Gardener Volunteer in another state, please list the state, county, year of training, and program supervisor’s name:
_______________________________________________________________________________________

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II. VOLUNTEER INTEREST

Why are you interested in becoming a Master Gardener Volunteer?

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Work Experience: (List current or most recent experience first)

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Volunteer Experience: (List current or most recent experience first)

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Have you had any teaching or public speaking experience? Yes ____ No____ If so, please provide details:

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Other special skills, training, interests (i.e. bird watching, crafts, desktop publishing, etc.):

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Type of activities in which you are interested:

☐ Garden Helpline  ☐ Public Presentations  ☐ Community Gardens  
☐ Demonstration Gardens  ☐ Working with Children  ☐ Working with Adults  
☐ Beautification Projects  ☐ Garden Writing  ☐ Therapeutic Hort.

☐ Other interests______________________________________________________________

We sometimes have many more applicants than volunteer positions, and consequently must choose among equally qualified individuals. Please explain why you think you would make a good Master Gardener Volunteer:

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III. PERSONAL REFERENCES

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or a felony? ______________________

If yes, please give date, nature, and disposition of offense:

_______________________________________________________________________________________
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*Please note:* A criminal record will be considered as it relates to specifics of the volunteer position for which you are applying. A criminal record may prevent an individual from volunteering, depending on the nature of the offense.
References: List non-family members who have knowledge of your skills, abilities, and qualifications. Individuals should have worked with you on projects and activities and/or have direct experience with or knowledge of your qualifications. Please provide complete addresses and phone numbers.

Name: __________________________________________
Relationship: __________________________
Phone: __________________________
Email: __________________________

Address: __________________________________________
(Street) __________________________________________
(City) __________________________________________
(State) __________________________________________
(Zip) __________________________________________

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(Zip) __________________________________________

I authorize the contact of listed references and understand that I am required to submit to a fingerprint criminal background check prior to final consideration of my application to volunteer. I understand that misrepresentation or omission of required information is just cause for non-appointment as a volunteer with Ohio State University Extension. I understand that I serve at the pleasure of the Ohio State University Extension and agree to abide by the policies of Ohio State University Extension and individual program areas and to fulfill the volunteer responsibilities to the best of my ability.

Applicant Signature: __________________________
Date: __________________________

Please return the application along with a refundable $50 deposit to Ohio State University Extension – Shelby County, 810 Fair Road, Sidney, OH 45365 by January 8, 2016. Contact us if you have questions or wish further information (937-498-7239). Thank you!