

Dutchess County Master Gardener Volunteer Application

Accommodations: Given the expectations of the volunteer position for which you are applying, describe any physical or health accommodations that may be needed to allow you to participate in the activity.

Transportation: Do you have an independent and reliable means of transportation to and from volunteer activities? _____ Yes _____ No

REFERENCES: List two (2) people, not related to you, that we may contact who have knowledge of your qualifications. Please provide complete addresses.

Name

Mailing Address

Daytime Phone #

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense other than a minor traffic violation?

No Yes (If yes) Date(s) _____

NOTE: A criminal record will not necessarily bar an applicant. A criminal record will be considered only as it relates to the requirements of the volunteer position for which you have expressed an interest.

Do you possess a valid NYS Driver's License? Yes No

NOTE: If the volunteer position you seek requires the transportation of others in your personal vehicle or use of CCE Association vehicles, you will be asked to complete a motor

I affirm that the statements made on this application are true. I understand that misrepresentation or omission of facts requested is cause for my non- appointment or removal as a Cornell Cooperative Extension volunteer. I authorize Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County to obtain from all persons, including those not named here, and/or agencies any records, documents, and other information relative to my suitability to perform the duties of the volunteer position. **I understand, if the volunteer position I seek involves unsupervised work with minors, individuals over 65, or individuals with disabilities that a criminal background check including a sexual offender search will be made.** I further release all parties supplying said information from all liability and responsibility arising from their supplying said information.

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I understand and agree that the volunteer position at CCE for which I am applying, is without compensation or benefits of any kind. I further understand that the provisions of this application do not constitute a contract (either expressed or implied) of employment between myself and CCE. I further understand and agree that if I am offered and accept a volunteer position at CCE, either I or CCE, may terminate the volunteer relationship at any time for any reason or for no particular reason or cause. CCE reserves the right to determine and change its policies and procedures applicable to volunteers at any time for any reason. I understand and agree that my volunteer position is contingent upon, among other things, my signing the CCE Association Volunteer Agreement and acceptance of the provisions of the CCE Association Volunteer Code of Conduct.

Signature _____ Date _____

Dutchess County Master Gardener Volunteer Interest Survey

Cornell Cooperative Extension runs regular education programs and develops new ways to bring research-based information about horticulture, the environment and natural resources, landscape design, and ecologically-sound management of pests and diseases to our Dutchess County communities.

As a Master Gardener volunteer, you are a part of this vitally important education process. You help us bring the University to the people. And we want you to enjoy being part of that process by using your talents in the areas that interest you most. Please tell us about your interests and how you might like to pursue them as a Master Gardener volunteer.

1. In what horticulture categories do you have the most experience?
 Invasive Species Pollinators Lawns Annuals
 Trees and Shrubs Compost Fruits Vegetables
 Native Plants Perennials Herbs Rain Gardens

2. In what area of horticulture would you like to learn more?
 Invasive Species Pollinators Lawns Annuals
 Trees and Shrubs Compost Fruits Vegetables
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3. Which of the following volunteer activities would interest you most?
 Diagnostic Lab/Hotline Video/multimedia Working in demo gardens
 Teaching classes Tabling events Office projects
 Social media Plant sales Writing articles
 Field research Composting Community gardens

4. If you checked teaching, what groups of people would you most like to work with?
 Adults Senior Citizens People with special needs
 Non-English speaking people
 Youth: Grade preference: K-2 3-5 6-8 High School

5. Are there any areas in horticulture, landscape design or the environment that would interest you as subjects for advanced training?
