

2015 Master Gardener Volunteer Application Form Southwind Extension District

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NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE _____ **ZIP CODE** _____

Phone: Home _____ **Work (optional)** _____

E-Mail Address _____

Minimum Educational Requirement: High School Graduate or GED

(The personal information requested below is for the purpose of identifying suitable participants.)

Briefly list some of your horticultural experiences and interests (vegetable gardening, landscape design, flower gardening, hobby greenhouse, etc.)

Briefly list some of your volunteer involvement (for example, scout leader, library board, school activities, civic organizations, church activities, etc.)

What is your interest in the Master Gardener Program? What do you hope to learn?
What do you plan to give back to the community in exchange for Master Gardener Training?

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Master Gardener training requires an agreement to return 40 hours of approved volunteer work. This volunteer work should be performed within one year following basic training. Volunteer time, activities, and number of clientele assisted are to be reported to the supervising Extension agent.

Certified Master Gardener status is granted upon completion of all basic training classes and the 40 hours volunteer work hours. All certified Master Gardeners are eligible to attend the Advanced Master Gardener Program at Kansas State University. Whenever a Master Gardener attends Advanced Training, he/she must return 20 additional volunteer work hours before being eligible to attend another Advanced Training Program.

Horticultural information given out by the Master Gardener volunteer must be in agreement with the research-based knowledge of Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service (a.k.a. K-State Research and Extension). It is the Master Gardener's responsibility to ensure the accuracy of any information they convey to the public.

It is the policy of Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service that all persons shall have opportunity and access to its educational programs, services, activities, and materials without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or disability. All Extension Master Gardener programs and volunteer activities must comply with this policy.

The Extension Master Gardener title is solely for the purpose of identifying trained volunteers of K-State Research and Extension. The use of this title is reserved for appropriate, volunteer activities. The title may not be used in any other manner.

Master Gardener volunteers can neither request nor expect compensation for volunteer work. Unsolicited gifts of minor value, if they are customarily given as tokens of appreciation, may be accepted (i.e.; ink pen, potted plant, etc.).

If approved for basic training, the applicant agrees to pay the registration fee of \$75. The registration money will be used for purchasing the Master Gardener training manual, paying the State participation fee assessment, and buying supplies needed for basic training classes. Applicants will be notified by mail regarding acceptance for Master Gardener Training.

Applicant Signature (Required)

Date

In signing this form, the applicant agrees to abide by the provisions stated herein and pay the registration fee. Failure to comply will result in dismissal from the program.

Mail this application by September 1, 2015 to:

**Southwind Extension District – Erie Office
100 S. Main Courthouse
Erie, Kansas 66733**

Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service.

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