



California Master Gardener Program  
**MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER  
APPLICATION FORM**  
University of California Cooperative Extension



County: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone (with area code) Work Phone (with area code)

(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone (with area code) Email Address

**Ethnicity and Gender** (Optional) Please check the one that best applies:

- Female  Male
- American Indian/Alaskan Native  Hispanic/Latino  Asian/Pacific Islander
- Black/African American  White

Occupation (if retired, occupation at time of retirement): \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the following (attach additional pages if necessary)

1. Why do you want to become a UCCE Master Gardener? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Please list volunteer groups you have been involved in, and what type of activity you participated in with these groups.  
(Leadership, projects, fund raising, schools, service clubs (e.g., Rotary, etc.) church groups, senior citizens, youth groups, etc.):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Tell us about a special project or activity you have initiated and completed in your community or work. (Special event, fundraiser, boy/girl scout, church event, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Years of gardening experience \_\_\_\_\_. Detail type(s) of gardening experiences and any related formal training and/or your personal gardening interests: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. What languages do you speak? \_\_\_\_\_

6. What is your highest degree level? (Please circle one):      None    High School    AA    BS or BA    Masters    PhD

7. What previous volunteer experience do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

8. What times of the day are you most available to volunteer?  
Monday: a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. \_\_\_\_\_    Wednesday: a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. \_\_\_\_\_    Friday: a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. \_\_\_\_\_  
Tuesday: a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. \_\_\_\_\_    Thursday: a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. \_\_\_\_\_    Saturday: a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. \_\_\_\_\_

9. What special skills would you bring to the program (e.g., artistic, computer skills, arts and crafts, construction, photography, finance, teaching)? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



9. What teaching/communication experience do you have? List types of experiences:
- Writing articles \_\_\_\_\_
  - Speaking to large groups (30+ people) \_\_\_\_\_
  - Speaking to small groups (<30 people) \_\_\_\_\_
  - Demonstrations to groups \_\_\_\_\_
  - One to one consultations \_\_\_\_\_
  - Educational art displays \_\_\_\_\_
  - Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_
10. How did you learn about the UCCE MGP? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Have you applied to be a Master Gardener previously? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What are your expectations of being a MG volunteer? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I wish to be considered for acceptance into the UCCE MGP training program offered by the University of California Cooperative Extension. I understand that if I am accepted, I will become a certified UCCE MGP volunteer when I complete 16 weeks of classes and pass a written examination by 70%. I understand, that in exchange for the training made possible by the program, I will volunteer at least 50 hours of volunteer time to the UCCE MGP within one calendar year of June 2010, attend all training classes, submit monthly time sheets, follow University policies and procedures while acting as a Master Gardener and agree to a background and fingerprint screening prior to the beginning of the training program. I also agree to complete the forms required for appointment which include: Proof of valid driver's license and insurance (only if driving will be part of your duties as a volunteer), the Code of Conduct and photo and information release.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this application to the address listed below.  
Applications must be received by **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 2009**. Late applications will not be accepted.

UC Cooperative Extension – Master Gardener Program  
2145 Wardrobe Avenue  
Merced, CA 95341  
If you have questions, please call: (209) 385-7403

**Volunteer Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **County:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Application Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**All fees payable to UC Regents upon acceptance into the Master Gardener Program**

County Use Only							Cash or Check # _____
Proof of Current Drivers License	Proof of Auto Liability Insurance	Background Check Completed	Photograph & Information Release	Orientation	Code of Conduct/Rights & Responsibilities	Date Received	Fees Paid \$ _____

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