

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE
Hill County Master Gardener - Volunteer Training Program Application

PLEASE PRINT

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

Evening

Daytime

Cell

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

Years of gardening experience: _____

Type of gardening experience and related training: _____

List areas of specialization or hobbies (e.g. flowers, vegetables, ornamentals, house plants, etc.): _____

Computer Experience:

Beginner _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced _____

Please explain: _____

Experience working with community-type organizations (schools, youth, churches, senior citizens, etc.): _____

Are you able to travel throughout the county and neighboring counties for trainings or programs at your own cost?

Yes No

Times usually available for volunteer work or training (please check all that apply):

| | Morning | Afternoon | Evening |
|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|
| Monday | | | |
| Tuesday | | | |
| Wednesday | | | |
| Thursday | | | |
| Friday | | | |
| Saturday | | | |
| Sunday | | | |

Any additional information you would like to share about you gardening or professional experiences: _____

It is my desire to become a CERTIFIED TEXAS MASTER GARDENER in Hill County, and I request that I be accepted into the Hill County Master Gardener Training Program offered by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service-Hill County. I understand that (1) I must perform no less than 50 hours of volunteer service on Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service-Hill County approved projects, events or other activities for the Hill County Master Gardener Program within twelve months of my training; and (2) my certification as a TEXAS MASTER GARDENER will not occur until and unless the aforementioned training and volunteer commitment is satisfied.

I further understand that I must have a satisfactory Criminal Background Check to participate in the Hill County Master Gardeners volunteer program.

 (SIGNATURE)

 (DATE)

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension provides equal opportunities in its programs and employment to all persons, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM

This form is an application to serve as a volunteer for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the consent for AgriLife Extension to conduct a criminal background history check according to the Youth Protection Standards Guidelines.

This form is to be completed by AgriLife Extension Master Volunteers, direct volunteers, and volunteers who handle Extension support group finances (such as BLT, LAB, PAC, etc.). 4-H volunteers must apply online via 4HOnline. All information is treated as confidential.

Please **PRINT LEGIBLY** and provide legal names and related information:

County *(in which you volunteer)* _____

Program Area Master Gardeners Master Naturalists Master Wellness Other _____

Legal First Name **Legal Middle Name** **Legal Last Name** **Suffix** *(Jr, Sr, III, IV, etc.)*

Maiden/Other Names **Preferred Name** *(if different than legal name)*

Mailing Address **City** **State** **Zip**

____ - ____ -
FIRST FIVE digits of Social Security Number **Date of Birth** *(mm/dd/yyyy)* **Driver's License Number**

Gender *(check one)* Male Female

Are you of Hispanic ethnicity? Yes, Hispanic No, not Hispanic

Race *(check all that apply)*
 American Indian Asian Black
 Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander White

Authorization Statement

I hereby authorize veriFYI and/or its Service Provider and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service to request and receive any and all background information about or concerning me, including, but not limited to, my Criminal History, Social Security Number Trace including a consumer report under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C 1681, Driving Record, Employment History, Military Background, Civil Listings, Educational Background, Professional License from any individual, Corporation, Partnership, Law Enforcement Agency, and other entities including my present and Past Employers. I authorize the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service or any of its components to make reference checks relating to my volunteer service. I understand that this information will be used to determine my eligibility as a volunteer/employee with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

The criminal history, as received from the reporting agencies, may include arrest and conviction data, as well as plea bargains and deferred adjudications and delinquent conduct committed as a juvenile. I understand that this information will be used, in part, to determine my eligibility for an employment/volunteer position with this organization. I also understand that as long as I remain an employee or volunteer here, the criminal history check may be repeated at any time. I understand that I will have an opportunity to review the criminal history as received by client/agency and a procedure is available for clarification, if I dispute the record as received. I also understand that the criminal history could contain information presumed to be expunged.

I further release and discharge veriFYI and their Service Provider and all of their Subsidiaries, Affiliates, Officers, Employees, Contract Personnel, or Associates, from any and all claims and liability arising out of any request for information or records pursuant to this authorization, procurement of an investigative consumer report and understand that it may contain information about my character, general reputation, personal characteristics, and mode of living, whichever are applicable.

I understand that I have the right to make written request within a reasonable period of time to veriFYI for additional information concerning the nature and scope of the investigation. I acknowledge that I have voluntarily provided the above information for employment/volunteer purposes, and I have carefully read and understand this authorization.

Signature

Date