



Big Country Master Gardener Training 2018

Application

Application Deadline: February 1, 2018

Class size is limited to 20 members. Acceptance is based on your willingness to volunteer. A background check is required on all applicants participating in the Master Gardener program.

Cost of the training is \$150.00 payable at Session 1 following acceptance into the class. 12 sessions will be held from February 15 to April 24. See page 3 for tentative schedule.
(dates are subject to change due to speaker availability)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please list gardening experience: _____

Related training: _____

List areas of garden specialization or primary gardening hobbies (i.e. Flowers, vegetables, ornamentals, house plants, community gardens, fruit trees, etc.): _____

List experience in working with the community (i.e. schools, churches, senior citizens, hospitals, other organizations, etc.): _____

List any plant-related group affiliations (i.e. garden clubs, community gardens, plant societies, etc):

How did you learn of the Big Country Master Gardener Association? _____

Why do you want to become a Master Gardener? _____

Are you presently employed? _____ If so, where? _____

Times available for volunteer work (please check all that may apply):

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			
Saturday			
Sunday			

Please answer the following questions on the scale of 0=Not Important to 5=Most Important:

1. I will be able to increase my knowledge of gardening. _____
2. I will be able to gain new skills as a gardener. _____
3. I will have the opportunity to receive useful training. _____
4. I will be able to provide a service to those in my community/neighborhood. _____
5. I will have the opportunity to share my knowledge with other gardeners. _____
6. I will gain a great deal of personal satisfaction. _____

I wish to apply to the Big Country Master Gardener Association, sponsored by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Once accepted, I understand I must pay \$150 training fee for materials and speakers; attend at least 10 of the 12 training sessions; and complete 50 hours of volunteer work in a twelve-month time period, before becoming a Certified Master Gardener.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return completed application to: Taylor Co. Extension Office
1982 Lytle Way,
Abilene, TX 79602

Questions may be directed to: 325-672-6048 or mgardeners@yahoo.com.

Big Country Master Gardener

Spring Training 2018

Tentative schedule

(dates are subject to change due to speaker availability)

SESSION	DATE	TOPICS
Session 1	Thursday, February 15 6-9 PM	Orientation
Session 2	Feb 15 - Feb 20	Vegetable & Herb Gardening
	Tuesday, February 20 6-9 PM	BCMG Meeting
Session 3*	Saturday, February 24 9AM – 12 Noon	EarthKind
Session 4	Tuesday, Feb 27 6-9 PM	Plant Growth & Development
Session 5*	Thursday, March 8 6-9 PM	Plant Pest Problems (Entomology)
Session 6	March 8 – March 20	Plant Health Landscape Horticulture
	Tuesday, March 20 6-9 PM	BCMG Meeting
Session 7	Thursday, March 29 6-9 PM	Soils & Soil Fertility
Session 8	Thursday, April 5 6-9 PM	Plant Id Plant Sale Prep
Session 9	Thursday, April 12 6-9 PM	Turfgrass Management
Session 10*	Thursday, April 19 6-9 PM	Fruit & Nut Production
Session 11	Saturday, April 21 9AM – 4PM	Propagation Rain Barrel Construction
Session 12	Tuesday, April 24 6-9 PM	Graduation BCMG Meeting