

**California Master Gardener Program**

**MARIN MASTER GARDENER**

**APPLICATION FORM**

**University of California Cooperative Extension**



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| Address |  | Home Phone |  |
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| City |  | Zip |  | Cell Phone |  |
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| e-mail |  | Work Phone |  |

**Ethnicity and Gender** (Optional) Please check the ones that apply:

☐ Female ☐ Male

☐ American Indian/Alaskan Native ☐ Hispanic/Latino ☐ Asian/Pacific Islander

☐ Black/African American ☐ White

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

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Please respond to all questions in the boxes provided (the boxes will expand as you type) and sign the Statement of Terms of Acceptance. The information below will be used to select candidates for an interview.

1. Why do you want to become a Marin Master Gardener?

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2. Describe your volunteer experience including organizations of which you are a member (school, church or youth groups, service clubs, senior citizen organizations, etc.) and the role you have played in these groups (leadership, project management, fund raising, etc).

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 3. Tell us about a special project or activity you have initiated, completed, or contributed to in your community or work.

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4. Briefly describe your gardening experience. Please indicate any areas of personal gardening interest.

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5. Please list and provide a brief description of gardening related lectures or courses you have taken (e.g., plant science, garden planning, plant identification, horticultural practices, etc.).

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6. What teaching or communication experience do you have? List types of experiences (e.g. writing articles, speaking to large or small groups, demonstrations to groups, one to one consultations, educational art displays).

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7. Other than those listed in 6 above, what skills would you bring to the program (e.g., artistic, computer skills, arts and crafts, construction, photography, finance, other)?

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8. Trainees must access a group website and research websites for homework assignments. In addition, Marin Master Gardeners must use the internet to find science-based information to answer questions that come to the Help Desk. Please describe your computer skills.

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9. Other than English, do you speak and write another language? If so, which one(s).

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10. The Training Program classes are held on 18 consecutive Thursdays from January through May with most class sessions beginning at 9:00 a.m. and running through 3:30 p.m. Training Program requirements can be found at the end of this application under Acknowledgement of Requirements. Is there anything that might make it difficult for you to attend all classes, complete the Training Program requirements, or fulfill the required volunteer and continuing education hours for the Master Gardener Program?

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11. Have you applied for a Master Gardener Training Program before? If so, when and where?

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12. How did you hear about this program (Marin IJ, a Master Gardener, Farmer’s Market, Marin County Fair, other?)

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13. What are your expectations of being a Marin Master Gardener volunteer?

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**Acknowledgement of** **Requirements**

If accepted into the Marin Master Gardener Training Program, Trainees must:

* 1. Pay a non-refundable fee of $325 (includes textbooks) A limited number of scholarships based on financial need may be available.
	2. Submit fingerprints to the Marin County Sheriff
	3. Attend all Training Program classes (18 weeks)
	4. Complete and submit all homework assignments
	5. Complete the Garden Planning Project
	6. Complete the Desk Problem research and presentation, and
	7. Complete the open-book final examination with a score of 70 percent or better.
	8. By June 30 of the year following completion of the Training Program, complete and report: 1) at least 50 UCCE/Marin Master Gardener Volunteer Service hours including A.18 hours at the Master Gardener Help Desk and B. one shift (4-5 hours) at a Master Gardener Farmers’ Market

 2) at least 12 hours of approved Continuing Education.

To remain a certified each year thereafter, Marin Master Gardeners must complete and report a minimum of 25 hours of UCCE/Marin Master Gardener approved volunteer service and 12 hours of approved continuing education.

By submitting this application, the applicant acknowledges the above Training Program Requirements. This application **must be received in the UCCE office by Noon on Friday, September 5, 2014.**

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