



**University of California**

**Agriculture and Natural Resources**

**UCCE Master Food Preserver**

## 2022 San Joaquin County Volunteer Application

Volunteer training will be held on Tuesday evenings and Saturday days

Evening Classes will start at 6:00 PM and finish at 8:30 PM

Saturday classes will start at 9:00 AM and finish at 2:00 PM

**THIS TRAINING IS FOR RESIDENTS OF SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY ONLY.**

### UCCE Master Food Preserver Program Mission Statement

To extend research based knowledge and information on home food preserving practices to the residents of California and be guided by our core values and strategic initiatives.

### Instructions

- ◆ ***Please complete all pages of this application.***

If you wish to fill out this form by hand, simply print it and write in your information.

If you wish to complete this form electronically, you may type information into the fields and click on the check boxes to indicate your choices. Once the form is filled out, please print it and complete the Statements and Terms of Acceptance section and the Disclaimers section by hand.

You may either mail in the hard copy application, or scan and email it to our office. See the section entitled How To Return This Application at the end of this form.

***Applications must be received (or postmarked, if sent by US Mail) by 5 PM, Friday December 17, 2021.***

- ◆ A resume or cover letter may be attached to this form; please do not attach any other supplemental material. The application and attachments will not be returned.
- ◆ ***Attend the Orientation Meeting by Zoom***  
January 11, 2022
- ◆ ***Appear for an interview by Zoom***  
Interviews will be scheduled between January 17-21, 2022

## Personal Information

- ◆ Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last, First, Middle Initial*
- ◆ Preferred Name \_\_\_\_\_  
*First and Last*
- ◆ Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
*Number and Street, City, State, Zip*
- ◆ Phone Numbers \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Circle Type) Home, Cell, Work Home, Cell, Work*
- ◆ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Required)*

## Demographics

The UC Master Food Preserver Program is open to all. We collect the following demographic information to know if we are reaching all community members. This portion of the application is voluntary and will be used for reporting purposes. The categories listed are those required by UC and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

### Gender (check one):

- Woman
- Man
- Nonbinary
- Gender not listed
- Decline to state

### Ethnicity (please check one)

- Hispanic or Latino/a: A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish-speaking culture or origin, regardless of race and/or a person of Latin American culture or origin
- Not Hispanic or Latino/a

### Race (please check one)

- American Indian or Alaskan Native: A person with origins among any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains a tribal affiliation or community attachment.
- Asian: A person with origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent—including, for example, the peoples of Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.
- Black or African American: A person with origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander: A person with origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.
- White: A person with origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa
- Decline to state.

**Please answer the following questions. Attach additional pages if necessary.**

1. Why do you want to be a Master Food Preserver Volunteer?

2. How do you plan to use the information you learn in the UC Master Food Preserver Program to improve and strengthen San Joaquin County communities?

3. Volunteering is the heart of the UC Master Food Preserver Program. What volunteer groups have you been involved in (e.g. schools, food banks, service clubs, youth groups, community organizations)? What types of activities have you done with these groups (e.g. food distribution, community organizing, translation services)?

4. In order to reach all of San Joaquin County, the UC Master Food Preserver Program is working to improve the cultural competency of volunteers and to improve outreach to more communities. Please share any work that you have done, personally or professionally, to make yourself or an organization more inclusive to others.

5. UC Master Food Preserver Program volunteers are teachers and communicators. Please list your experience with any of these teaching/communication methods: Public speaking, demonstrations, one-on-one consultations, and writing for print or social media. Please be sure to include both online and in-person communication experience

6. Please share any non-food preservation skills you would bring to the program. Skills could include speaking and writing in languages other than English, experience with community organizing, graphic design or photography expertise, and so on.

7. Like many organizations, the UC Master Food Preserver Program relies on technology to deliver its mission. Please describe your proficiency with technologies such as e-mail, video platforms (like Zoom), blogs, and so on.

8. How did you learn about the UC Master Gardener Program?

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## Home Food Preservation Skills

Have you had any previous food preservation or food preparation training, including but not limited to food safety certifications? If so, when, where, and what subjects?

Experience in Food Preservation, if any:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Canning fruits and vegetables              | <input type="checkbox"/> Drying fruits / fruit leathers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pressure canning vegetables                | <input type="checkbox"/> Drying vegetables              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pressure canning meats, fish, and poultry. | <input type="checkbox"/> Drying/smoking meats and fish  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Freezing fruits and vegetables             | <input type="checkbox"/> Freezing fruits and vegetables |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pickling fruits and vegetables             | <input type="checkbox"/> Making cooked jams and jellies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pickling fish                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Making freezer jams            |

What level of food preserver do you consider yourself?

- Beginning     Intermediate     Experienced
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*Please review the following UCCE Master Food Preserver Program requirements and policies and indicate your acceptance with your signature:*

***I understand that, if accepted into the UCCE San Joaquin County Master Food Preserver Training Program, I:***

- Live in San Joaquin County.
- Will pay a non-refundable training fee of \$250.00, which includes class training materials, textbooks, and supplies.
- Will submit to and pay for background screening and fingerprinting with a local law enforcement agency upon acceptance into the training program. (Fingerprinting applications will be sent with program acceptance forms. Costs range from approximately \$25 to \$50.)

***I understand that I will become a certified UCCE Master Food Preserver only after I:***

- Attend all mandatory training sessions, which will be held beginning February 2022.
- Complete and submit all homework assignments and quizzes, and complete the final examination with a score of 80 percent or better.
- I understand that only one class can be missed and it must be made up.
- Agree to follow University of California policies and procedures while acting as a UCCE San Joaquin County Master Food Preserver.

***I understand that I must do the following in order to maintain my UCCE Master Food Preserver certification:***

- a. Prior to the end of the first full fiscal year (June 30, 2023): Complete and record a minimum of fifty (50) hours of University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) sponsored volunteer service within San Joaquin County.
- b. During subsequent fiscal years: Complete a minimum of twenty-five (25) hours of UCCE sponsored volunteer service and earn twelve (12) hours of continuing education credit through approved education programs.
- c. I agree to post my volunteer and continuing education hours on the online Master Food Preserver Volunteer Management System (VMS) in a timely manner.
- d. I will attend monthly meetings beginning April 2022.
- e. I will read and agree to adhere to the Master Food Preserver Code of Conduct.
- f. I will not use the Master Food Preserver volunteer title for commercial purpose or monetary gain.

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I wish to be considered for acceptance into the UC Master Food Preserver Volunteer training program offered by UC Cooperative Extension. I understand that if I am accepted, I will become a certified UC Master Food Preserver when I complete ALL classes and achieve a score of 70% on a written examination. Upon acceptance into the training program, I agree to sign the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR) Adult Code of Conduct, uphold the University of California's Nondiscrimination commitment, and adhere to the highest ethical standards. In exchange for the training made possible by the UC Master Food Preserver Program,

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

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**How to Return This Application:**

**Hard copy by US Mail:**

Master Food Preserver Program, UC Cooperative Extension  
ATTENTION: Bill Loyko  
2101 E. Earhart Avenue, Suite 200  
Stockton, CA 95206

**Electronically:**

Complete this form, scan it, save it in your name (First\_Last.pdf), and email it to nsjmfpcord@ucanr.edu.

***Applications must be received or postmarked by December 17, 2021.***

**Official Use  
Only**

Date application received: \_\_\_\_\_

Interview held: \_\_\_\_\_

Interviewers: \_\_\_\_\_  
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| County Use Only    |                                   |                            |                       |   |                               |              |
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| Driver's License # | Proof of Auto Liability Insurance | Background Check Completed | Completed Orientation | Code of Conduct/Rights & Responsibilities | Date Received Cash or Check # | Fees Paid \$ |
| Expiration Date    |                                   |                            |                       |   |                               |              |

In compliance with the California Information Practices Act of 1977, the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) requests personal information for UC Master Food Preserver Program use only. Applicants may inquire how their data is used by contacting the local office and/or the UC Master Food Preserver Program statewide office (2801 2nd Street, Davis, CA 95618-7779). The authority provided for the requested demographic information comes under the Smith-Lever Act of 1914 and Article IX, Section 9 of the State of California Constitution. Demographic information collected (including race, ethnicity, and gender) complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Extension Service's reporting requirements. We share this information with the Federal government for Affirmative Action and the Federal Affirmative Action Reports. Submission of demographic data is voluntary. The University of California Agriculture & Natural Resources (UCANR) is an equal opportunity provider.

Complete nondiscrimination policy statement can be found at <http://ucanr.edu/sites/anrstaff/files/215244.pdf>. Inquiries regarding ANR's nondiscrimination policies may be directed to UCANR, Affirmative Action Compliance Officer, University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources, 2801 Second Street, Davis, CA 95618, (530) 750-1343

Status of Acceptance into Program: \_\_\_\_\_