



University of California

Agriculture and Natural Resources

UCCE Master Gardener Program

## UC Master Gardener Volunteer Application Form

County of Residence

Date of Application

First Name

Last Name

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

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Primary/Preferred Phone (with area code)

Secondary Phone (with area code)

Email (Required, please print each character clearly)

How long have you been a resident of California? \_\_\_\_\_

**Ethnicity** (check one that best applies):

☐ American Indian/Alaskan Native

☐ Hispanic/Latino

☐ Asian/Pacific Islander

☐ Black/African American

☐ White

### County Use Only

<b>Drivers License #</b>	<b>Proof of Auto Liability Insurance</b>	<b>Background Check Completed</b>	<b>Orientation</b>	<b>Code of Conduct/ Rights &amp; Responsibilities</b>	<b>Date received</b>	<b>Cash or Check # _____</b>
<b>Expiration Date</b>						<b>Fees Paid \$ _____</b>

In compliance with the California Information Practices Act of 1977, the following information is provided: The information on this form is being requested by the University of California Cooperative Extension for use in the Master Gardener Program. The individual completing this form may make inquiries concerning use of the information collected and may ask to review the form as well as other non-confidential personal information maintained on record by contacting the local UCCE county director, the Master Gardener Advisor or County Program Coordinator or the statewide Academic Coordinator for the Master Gardener Program at: Missy Gable-Statewide Master Gardener Program, University of California, 225 Hopkins Road, Davis, CA 95616.

Information on this form is being requested under the authority of the Smith-Lever Act of 1914 covering Cooperative Extension activities and Article IX, Section 9 of the State of California Constitution covering the University of California. Ethnic information is requested to maintain compliance with Title VI of the civil Rights Act of 1964 and sex information is requested to maintain compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. Statistical information on this form is being collected to satisfy the U.S. Department of Agriculture Extension Service reporting requirements for Affirmative Action and the Federal Affirmative Action Program Report. Statistical information includes sex, ethnic information and residence location. Submission of the above noted information is voluntary and if the information is not submitted by the source, the county master gardener staff may use his or her judgment to complete the information and satisfy Federal reporting requirements. Other personal information on this form is being collected to provide the County Extension Master Gardener staff with information to assist in program planning. This information consists of name, address, phone and email in addition to your skill set assessment.

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Please Complete the following (attach additional pages if necessary)

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

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2. How do you plan to use the information you learn in the UC Master Gardener Program to improve and strengthen California communities?

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3. Volunteering is the heart of the UC Master Gardener Program. With what volunteer groups have you been involved (e.g. schools, food banks, service clubs, youth groups, community organizations)? What type of activity did you do with these groups (e.g. food distribution, community organizing, leadership roles, translation services)?

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4. UC Master Gardener 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. Be sure to include both online and in-person communication.

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5. Please describe any in-person or online gardening education or experience you have or share why you are interested in learning about home gardening.

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6. Like many organizations, the UC Master Gardener Program relies on technology to deliver its mission. Please describe your proficiency with common technologies such as email, online meeting platforms (such as Zoom), using social media platforms, etc. If applicable, list any advanced technology experience with creating videos, writing blogs, and managing social media platforms.

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7. Please share any non-food skills you would bring to the program. Skills could include speaking and writing in languages other than English, community organizing, graphic design, photography, fundraising, etc.

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8. What times of the day are you often available? Please check all that apply.

Weekdays      ☐ Mornings      ☐ Afternoons      ☐ Evenings

Weekends      ☐ Mornings      ☐ Afternoons      ☐ Evenings

9. UC Master Gardener Commitment: UC Master Gardeners must commit to the following requirements. Please initial each requirement you can commit to during your time as a volunteer.

\_\_\_\_\_ Complete a criminal background check through the California Department of Justice.

Current Master Food Preservers and 4H Leaders with current DOJ checks please check here ☐

\_\_\_\_\_ Complete the required training coursework

\_\_\_\_\_ Consistently access the internet to check email, sign up for events, and complete necessary items.

\_\_\_\_\_ Complete annual volunteer and continuing education requirements.

	Volunteer	Continuing Education (CE)
January 2026-June 2027	50 Volunteer Hours	Complete Training Class
July to June annually thereafter	25 Volunteer Hours	12 CE Hours

\_\_\_\_\_ Complete annual recertification paperwork.

\_\_\_\_\_ Complete the Photo/Video Release Statement (attached).

10. How did you learn about the UCCE Master Gardener Program?

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I wish to be considered for acceptance into the UCCE Master Gardener training program offered by the University of California Cooperative Extension. A fee of \$250 (to cover books & materials) is due and payable to UC Regents upon acceptance into the Master Gardener Training Program. I understand that if I am accepted, I will become a certified UC Master Gardener when I complete all training class requirements 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 Master Gardener Program between January 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027, attend all training classes, 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 November 1, 2025. Late applications will not be accepted.

Master Gardener Program  
UC Cooperative Extension  
5009 Fairgrounds Road  
Mariposa, CA 95338

If you have questions, please call: 209-966-2417

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



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## **Release Agreement**

I understand the photograph(s), video or audio recording(s) taken of me by agents, employees or representatives of The Regents of the University of California (hereinafter called the "University") shall be used in connection with the University's dissemination of information by its public service and academic programs to the general public.

I hereby irrevocably authorize the University to copy, exhibit, publish or distribute any and all such images and audio of me or wherein I appear, including composite or artistic forms and media, for purposes of publicizing University programs or for any other lawful purpose. In addition, I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written copy, wherein my likeness appears.

I hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge the University from all claims, demands and causes of action which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate have or may have by reason of this authorization.

Name. \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Program County. \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ I agree to this model release for photo/video.
- ☐ I do not agree to this model release for photo/video