To apply for the 2020 Master Gardener Volunteer Program, complete the form below and submit by email or mail. A letter of reference must also be submitted via the online application, email or mail. Please feel free to attach extra pages to this application as needed. Include your name on all attachments. Do not attach or send pictures.

Send applications to: Rebecca.J.Long@maine.edu or mail to 'Rebecca Long, UMaine Cooperative Extension, 9 Olson Rd., South Paris, ME 04281"

The deadline for applying for the 2020 Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program is **December 20th, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.**

This application is also available online at: https://extension.umaine.edu/oxford/programs/master-gardeners/application-form/

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By checking the statements below, you are agreeing to complete the Master Gardener requirements.

_____ I wish to become a University of Maine Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Volunteer. I understand that I must attend at least 80% of the sessions, and complete a minimum of 40 hours approved volunteer work, within one year of completing the course, to become certified as a Master Gardener Volunteer. Participants not willing/able to complete 40 hours of volunteer service within a 12-month period following training should not apply for the Master Gardener Volunteers Program.

_____ If I am accepted as a Master Gardener Volunteers trainee, I will abide by all regulations and recommendations of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension. I understand that as a Master Gardener Volunteer, I am considered a volunteer representative of the University of Maine. I commit to conducting myself in accordance with the established University of Maine Cooperative Extension volunteer standards of behavior. I consent to a background check* at the expense of the University of Maine, prior to beginning volunteering as a Master Gardener Volunteer. (*Background checks are required of applicants wishing to volunteer as Master Gardeners working with the public.)

Signature: ____________________________

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Please Note:

The training material for this course, the Maine Master Gardener Volunteers Manual, an online resource that contains readings and instructional videos, will require a reliable internet connection.
Reference Letter Requirement:

In addition to this application, a letter of reference is required for all Master Gardener Program applicants. An applicant will not be considered for the program unless a letter of reference is provided.

A letter can be emailed to Rebecca.J.Long@maine.edu or mailed to 'Rebecca Long, UMaine Cooperative Extension, 9 Olson Rd., South Paris, ME 04281'.

All applications and reference letters must be received by **December 20, 2019 at 4:30 pm**.

What is the status of your reference letter? (check one)
___ A reference letter has already been submitted for me.
___ A reference letter is attached to this application.
___ A reference letter will arrive before the deadline.

Financial Assistance:

Limited financial assistance and payment arrangements are available to those in need. Payments for this training program should not be made until after the individual has been accepted into the program.

Please let us know if you’d like to receive information about the following items*:
(check all that apply)
___ Financial assistance
___ Payment arrangements

*This request for information will not influence the application.

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: __________________________________________________

City/Town: ___________________________ Zip: ______________________

Phone: ________________________________

Email: ________________________________
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1. Did you know that the Master Gardener Program is a volunteer program before applying?
   _____ Yes   _____ No

2. Have you ever participated in a Master Gardener Volunteer Program in Maine or another state?
   _____ Yes   _____ No

3. Have you ever applied for the Master Gardener Volunteers training in Maine prior to this year?
   _____ Yes   _____ No

4. On a scale of 1-10, where 1 is beginner and 10 is expert, how would you rate your current gardening knowledge and ability?
   
   1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10

   Please explain your answer:
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5. Why do you wish to become a Master Gardener Volunteer? (Really think about this question and respond accordingly.)

6. In what ways do you plan to apply the knowledge and skills gained from this Master Gardener Volunteers training?
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7. Volunteering is a big part of what it means to be a Master Gardener. Please explain your volunteer experience in the chart below. Consider areas such as school, Red Cross, youth sports, scouting, 4-H, public committees, non-profit work, church, or service groups.

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<th>Volunteer Type</th>
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<td>Example: Nursing Home Volunteer</td>
<td>2 hours per week</td>
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8. Please list at least two areas in which you would like to gain additional skills as a result of your Master Gardener Volunteer training.
9. During the gardening season, at which times are you available to volunteer? (Check all that apply)

_____ Weekday Mornings  _____ Weekday Afternoons  _____ Weekday Evenings

_____ Weekend Mornings  _____ Weekend Afternoons  _____ Weekend Evenings

Additional comments:

10. Do you currently volunteer or have you ever volunteered for other UMaine Extension programs?

_____ Yes  _____ No

Additional comments or questions:

Thank you for applying for the 2020 Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program!
Applicants will be notified within the first week of January 2020.

Before submitting your responses, consider printing a copy of this form for your own records.