



Louisiana Master Gardener Training Program

Northwest Regional Horticulture Office
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APPLICATION DEADLINE NOVEMBER 14TH, 2025

2026 Northwest Louisiana Master Gardener Volunteer Program

The 2026 Louisiana Master Gardener (LMG) Volunteer Program in Northwest Louisiana will take place between January 15 and March 26. Class meetings will be held on Thursdays (9:00 AM to 2:00 PM). Please fill out this application and return it to the Horticulture Office before the deadline to be considered in this year's training. All selected applicants will have a Background Check performed.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Have you ever applied for the Northwest LMG Volunteer training program? Yes ☐ No ☐

List year(s) if possible. _____

Why do you want to become a Louisiana Master Gardener?

List your favorite areas of horticulture in which you are the most interested. (i.e., annuals, perennials, vegetables, fruit trees, herbs, etc.)

What are some of your hobbies or talents other than gardening?

Please list any groups, civic organizations, garden activities, or volunteer work in which you have participated, as well as any leadership positions you have held.

Group or Activity	Type of Work & Leadership Positions

Please identify any special skills you possess which could be used to strengthen our Master Gardener Association.

- ☐ Computer ☐ Writing ☐ Graphic Design/Art ☐ Photography
☐ Organizational ☐ Fund Raising ☐ Public Speaking ☐ Carpentry/Construction

Check all days and times you are available for Master Gardener volunteer activities.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Morning							
Afternoon							
Evening							

Check the box next to all groups you are willing to work with.

- ☐ Children – preschool or elementary age ☐ Youth – junior or senior high age
☐ Adults ☐ Senior Citizens
☐ Physically Handicapped ☐ Mentally Handicapped
☐ Limited Income

Check the box next to all types of volunteer work you are willing to perform. Keep in mind that you will be trained for specific tasks, if needed.

- ☐ Gardening consultation for individuals ☐ Assist in the diagnosis of plant problems
☐ Community garden plots and demos ☐ Gardening talks to groups
☐ Community beautification projects ☐ Writing articles, newsletters, etc.
☐ Assist with future LMG classes ☐ Assist with display gardens
☐ Assist in extension office (phone calls, walk-ins etc.) ☐ Participate in community service projects

Please provide any other information about yourself that may help us select you for admission into the Louisiana Master Gardener program.

Application

Acceptance into the LSU AgCenter Louisiana Master Gardener Training Program is based upon your qualifications and the current volunteer needs of the County Agent. Space is limited due to classroom size. **A Background Check will be performed on all applicants accepted into the Louisiana Master Gardener Training Program.**

Fees

If accepted, you will be required to pay a \$175 course fee, covering the cost of training materials, name tags, classroom supplies, and lab supplies. **Do not send any payments with this application.** Lunch format is a pot-luck style meals provided by the class and volunteers.

Program

The Northwest Louisiana Master Gardener Volunteer program training is presented in person with supplemental information offered digitally. Class meetings will take place every Thursday from January 15 and March 26 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the LSU AgCenter's Red River Research Station, 210 Research Station Drive, Bossier City, LA 71112. During class meetings lecture material

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will be presented in a traditional classroom format with activities and demonstrations performed as needed. Chapter quizzes, evaluations, individual student projects, and a final exam are utilized to maintain progress throughout the training. Students will be required to attend all training sessions, review all program material, and complete all required activities.

Topics covered during the training include:

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| • Master Gardener Program History | • Soils | • Perennials |
| • Pesticide Safety | • Herbaceous Plants | • Botany |
| • Lawn Care | • Plant Propagation | • Annuals |
| • Vegetables/Herbs | • Soil Testing | • Entomology |
| • Plant Nutrition | • Plant Pathology | • Fruit Trees |
| • Plant Identification | • Weed Science | • IPM |

Volunteer Code of Conduct

Volunteers are expected to uphold high standards that ensure the safety and well-being of the LSU AgCenter, its staff, volunteers, and clients. Volunteers will uphold all individuals' rights to dignity, self-development, and self-direction. Volunteers will accept supervision and support from Extension professionals while involved in the program. Volunteers will accept the responsibility to positively represent the LSU AgCenter during the tenure and duration of their volunteer engagement. Volunteers will conduct themselves in a courteous, caring, responsible manner with focus on respect, integrity, fairness, and good citizenship. Volunteers are expected to respect, adhere to, and enforce the rules, policies and guidelines set forth by the LSU AgCenter and any programs that they are specifically assigned to. Volunteers should not commit unlawful acts and are expected to comply with the equal opportunity and antidiscrimination laws. Volunteers will operate machinery, vehicles, and other equipment, when applicable, in a responsible and safe manner. Volunteers are charged with performing their duties in a responsible and timely manner.

Applicant's Agreement

I would like to be considered for the Louisiana Master Gardener Training Program. I agree to assist the County Agent in conducting horticultural programs by volunteering 40 hours of service during the next year following completion of the training. I understand that I may not use the Louisiana Master Gardener title for any commercial purposes and may only use this title while actively volunteering on behalf of the LSU AgCenter.

I understand the Volunteer code of Conduct and Applicant's Agreement and I certify that the information set forth in my application is true and accurate, and I authorize the LSU AgCenter to verify the information.

Signature _____ Date _____

Do not send any payment at this time. APPLICATION DEADLINE NOVEMBER 14TH, 2025

Hand deliver or mail completed application to:	OR	Email completed application to:
LMG Coordinator		LMG Coordinator
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