Gonzales Master Gardener Class Application 2026-2027

The 2026-2027 classes begin September 8, 2026, and end May 4, 2027. Classes are held on Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 or 1 p.m., every other Tuesday [may vary to accommodate instructors, holidays, and other needs] **at PACE: Plantatarium A Center for Exploration, 623 N. Fair Street, Gonzales.**

The application deadline is 5:00 p.m., September 1, 2026. Payment of $225.00 will be due with the application. Make checks payable to the Gonzales Master Gardeners and deliver or mail to the Gonzales AgriLife Extension Service Office (address noted below).

The Master Gardener Training Program is an education/volunteer program conducted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service designed to increase the availability of horticultural information and extend horticultural projects through the community. We are looking for individuals with the time and inclination to fulfill our community goals.

Instructions: Please PRINT or TYPE answers to all questions as completely and legibly as possible. [***When the online application is completed, the master gardener student will receive email instructions to complete the Texas AgriLife orientation which is planned to be completed along with the class, so please wait to complete it along with classes.***]

First name: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Suffix: _____ Preferred Name: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone #: (_____)_____

Mailing Address 1: _____ Address 2: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth: MM/DD/YYYY: ____/____/_____ Gender (Circle): Male Female Prefer no response

Race (Circle): Am Indian/ Alaskan Native Asian Black/African Am Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander White Prefer no response

Ethnicity (Circle): Hispanic/Latino Non-Hispanic/Latino Prefer no response

Please list professional/personal experience: _____

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Please list previous or current other volunteer service: _____

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Please list any relevant experience you have working with community-type organizations (schools, youth groups, churches, senior centers, etc.): _____

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Please list any relevant interests, skills, hobbies: _____

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Why are you interested in becoming a Master Gardener? _____

Why do you want to volunteer in this Extension program? _____

It is important to attend ALL Master Gardener Training classes or speak with class assistants about how to ensure you meet the educational requirements.

The cost of the course includes the Master Gardener Handbook, a soil analysis, entrance fees for field trips, and other training materials.

Please submit the completed application with payment by the September 1, 2026 deadline to ensure timely class preparations. **Please make checks payable to the Gonzales Master Gardeners**.

> **Note:** As this Program is part of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and we often volunteer/work with youth or fundraising, a background check (completed through the Program) is required on all applicants participating in the Master Gardener Program and required every 3 years.

I want to be accepted into the Master Gardener Training Program offered by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. I understand that in exchange for the training, I will be required to attend at least 50 hours of instruction and volunteer at least 50 hours of my time to the Gonzales County Master Gardener Program within the year. I understand that I will become a Certified Texas Master Gardener only after I have completed the training and the required volunteer service.

By submitting this form, I authorize the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service or any of its components to make reference checks relating to my volunteer service. I understand that this information will be used to determine my eligibility as a volunteer with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

By submitting this form, I indicate my desire to become a volunteer with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. I understand there are specific requirements for each Master Volunteer program. I am willingly agreeing to comply with the requirements of the respective program in which I am applying. The information I am providing in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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Signature Date

Return application and payment to: Gonzales County AgriLife Extension Service
623 N. Fair Street
Gonzales, Texas 78629
Fax: (830) 672-8532

For more information, call Karen Bauer Smith **(512) 587-8856** or call the Gonzales County AgriLife Extension Service at **(830) 672-8531** and ask for Marcella Perales (marcella.perales@ag.tamu.edu).

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Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the program should contact the County Extension Office at least one week prior to the program or event to request mobility, hearing, visual or other assistance.