

Greene County Master Gardener Extension Volunteer Program Description

Dear Master Gardener Extension Volunteer Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the University of Georgia Master Gardener Extension Volunteer training program. We are pleased to be able to offer the volunteer training program for interested participants from Greene and Taliaferro counties.

The purpose of the University of Georgia Master Gardener Extension volunteer program is to train volunteers to complement, enhance, and support the educational efforts of the local UGA Cooperative Extension office. As such, the Master Gardener Extension volunteer program is a selective process. In order to be considered for the volunteer training program you must fill out all forms and applications, complete an interview and submit a check for training fees if selected (\$185). Fees will be used to reimburse speakers for travel related, professional development opportunities for Extension staff, and miscellaneous class materials. If selected to be a Master Gardener Extension Volunteer you will be required to complete a background check, attend all training classes and programs. After graduation from the training program, volunteer 50 hours are required to the Greene County Extension office or projects approved by the office.

Applications are due on November 1, 2022. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance before the course start date. Applicants must pass a background check. Applications that do not include the signed volunteer agreement form will not be considered. Acceptance letters will be sent out upon completion of background check and interviews. **Fees for the program (\$185) are due December 9, 2022,** and are payable by cash or money order. Formal instruction will begin on January 19, 2023 and will continue through March 2023. Classes will be held from 9am-4p.m. on Thursdays alternating between the Greene County Extension office and the Taliaferro County Board of Commissioners Annex Meeting Room. More

