



FLORIDA MASTER GARDENER APPLICATION

I wish to become a Florida Master Gardener and would like to be accepted into the training program beginning September 17 and ending December 17, 2008. I am a Broward County resident with a valid Florida Drivers' License that has an address located in Broward County, or I will bring in proof of property ownership within Broward County. I understand that the purpose of Master Gardener Training is to become a certified Florida Master Gardener and serve UF-IFAS/Broward County Extension Education, Parks and Recreation Division, as a volunteer. Volunteering with Broward County is subject to satisfactory completion of a background check including verification of my education, previous employment, criminal records and driving records check as recorded in the personnel or other records of any previous employer, law enforcement organization, state agencies or any school I have attended. Further, I release Broward County from any liability whatsoever in connection with such background check verification or use of the results in the volunteer screening process. I understand that the class will meet every Wednesday between those dates, from 8 am to 5 pm. If accepted, I will pay the course fee of \$200, and a good faith deposit of \$150 by VISA, MasterCard, Money Order or Cashier's Check. I understand that the good faith deposit will be returned if I serve my 75 approved volunteer hours (a minimum of 40 on public inquiries at the Extension Office) within the first calendar year after successful completion of the course. I agree that if I successfully interview, take and pass the course, complete the mandatory volunteer hours, the title, "Florida Master Gardener" will not be used for any commercial purpose. I certify that I will maintain an electronic mail address and understand that course homework and volunteer assignments will be issued *via* email. I have my own transportation to attend all classes and volunteering events.

The Master Gardener Application form must be received by email (sgranson@broward.org) no later than August 12th for the August 18th (afternoon only) interview date, or August 15th for interviews on the 20th and 21st. They can also be brought in person to the Extension Office on the interview date. Times for the interviews will be 9 AM-11:30 AM, or 1 PM-4 PM. PLEASE call to schedule an interview time. Ask for Brenda Roby at (954) 370-3725 or dial 954-382-5884.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE PRINT

Name:	
Street Address	
City:	Zip+4
Commissioner District No.	
Telephone:	Mobile:
E-mail:	

Additional Information

Have you applied before?

If yes, when?

Are you employed? Yes No

Number of hours per week

Please list any training or experience in gardening

Please list any area of specialization or hobbies (vegetables, fruits, flowers, etc.)

Please list gardening affiliations (garden clubs, etc.)

How did you learn of the Florida Master Gardener Program?

Why do you wish to become a Florida Master Gardener?

Please list computer software you are comfortable using.

As a Master Gardener, you agree to serve a minimum of 75 approved volunteer hours during the first calendar year following successful completion of the course, of which a minimum of 40 hours will be in the Extension Office, answering plant and pest questions for Broward County's residents. For the remaining 35 additional hours, you may participate in one of the following as it helps us plan activities: (please check all those you would be interested in):

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- Data entry/other computer or clerical work at the Extension Office.
- Conduct lectures for garden clubs, libraries, approved civic associations, etc. in collaboration with the local Master Gardener coordinator.
- Conduct Plant Clinics at plant shows and tree giveaways in coordination with Extension staff.
- Work with children at local schools, community gardens, or on 4H projects approved by the Urban Horticulture staff.
- Assist the Urban Horticulture staff to prepare a Master Gardener newsletter.
- Help train future Master Gardeners with the Office Volunteers Committee.
- Work on the grounds of the Extension office, Hurricane House and other projects.
- Assist the Program prepare web pages, calendars and other publications.
- Other approved projects including inspecting yards for Florida Yards and Neighborhoods recognition.
- Work with Broward County Parks & Recreation Division to assist in restoration of parks, including but not limited to removal of invasive species, selection, propagation, planting and care of native plants, and public outreach activities.
- Assist Urban and Commercial Horticulture Staff with organization and logistics for major workshops and symposia.

E-mail this form to: Ms. Sandy Granson, sgranson@broward.org or Gloria Witkus gwitkus@broward.org or Mail to: Sandy Granson, UF-IFAS/Broward County Extension Education, 3245 College Avenue, Davie, FL 33314-7719, If you have questions please call (954) 370-3725.