

August 2025

Re: Northern Kentucky 2026 Master Gardener Volunteer Program

Thank you for your interest in the Northern Kentucky Master Gardener Volunteer Program. The next session will begin on Friday, February 20, 2026, hosted by the Campbell County Extension. **Please note that classes will be held at the Kenton County Extension, Durr Education Center.**

Each Friday for 10-weeks (plus one possible snow date) classroom instructions will be led by area horticulture extension staff, UK extension specialists, and local horticulture professionals.

Horticulture topics covered but not limited to:

- Botany for Gardeners
- Plant Entomology
- Plant Pathology
- Soil and Fertility including composting
- Best Pest Management Practices in the garden

Upon completion of the classroom portion of the course, participants become certified master gardeners ONLY by fulfilling 40 hours of VOLUNTEER service from approved Extension sites.

The purpose of the Master Gardener Volunteer Program is to: Learn, Grow, and Serve. If you do NOT wish to serve and volunteer, then please attend County Extension home horticulture programs as listed on each county's website.

To learn more about Master Gardener programs in Kentucky visit:
<https://kyemg.wordpress.com/get-involved/become-a-master-gardener/>

The specifics of the Master Gardener Class that you are applying for are:

Location:

Kenton County Extension Durr Education Center
450 Kenton Lands Road
Erlanger, KY 41018

Dates and Times:

Every Friday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
February 20 – April 24, 2026

Class Fee:

\$70 is due when accepted into program. Do not send a check with your application.
(additional \$30 due at mid-program for a background check)

- - Important Dates and Deadlines - -

By September 30, 2025

Attached are two fillable forms. Sign and complete them and email to terri.turner@uky.edu

- **Volunteer Position Description**
- **Questionnaire Application**

Month of October

- **In-person Interviews will take place**

By Friday November 28, 2025

- **Upon acceptance, \$70 registration fee is due.**

Completed forms and in-person interview is not guarantee of acceptance to the program. You will receive a notification via email by November 17th.

We look forward to having you participate. Feel free to reach out to the Campbell County Extension Horticulture Staff if you have any further questions.

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This program has limited space; a timely response is recommended.



Northern Kentucky Master Gardener Volunteer Program



Volunteer Position Description

Position Title:

Master Gardener Volunteer

Time Required/Duration of Appointment:

- First Year Master Gardener Intern: 40 hours
- Re-certified Master Gardener: 20 hours volunteer and 10 education hours (annually)

Location:

Boone, Campbell, and Kenton County Cooperative Extension Offices

General Purpose:

The mission of the NKY Master Gardener Program is to educate and engage volunteers who can facilitate programs of the Boone, Campbell, and Kenton County Cooperative Extension Service and provide research-based information in order to protect and enhance environmental horticulture in the community.

Specific Responsibilities:

- Provide leadership and volunteerism to further advance horticulture in Northern Kentucky through the Horticulture Extension Field Days, County Fairs (Fruits and Vegetables), Master Gardener kiosk booths, and other approved NKY Master Gardener volunteer opportunities.
- Provide leadership and program support to the Horticulture Extension Councils.

Qualifications:

- Must complete the Volunteer Application process and be approved by the Youth Protection/Risk Management Committee.
- Commitment to educational and volunteerism components of the Master Gardener Program.

Benefits:

- Learn Kentucky-specific, science-based information on aspects of gardening.
- Camaraderie of other gardening and community enhancement enthusiasts, field trips and social gatherings.

Salary:

Unsalaries; Volunteer.

Signature of Volunteer

Date

Signature of Extension Professional

Date



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Questionnaire / Application

Why are you interested in becoming a Master Gardener Volunteer?

Major horticultural interests or skills (i.e. daylilies, dwarf conifers, water gardens, composting, etc.):

Other special skills, training, interests (i.e. bird watching, crafts, computer graphics, etc.):

Type of volunteer activities in which you are interested: (check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> Beautification projects	<input type="checkbox"/> Committee member	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Gardens
<input type="checkbox"/> Demonstration Gardens	<input type="checkbox"/> Field Research	<input type="checkbox"/> Horticulture Therapy
<input type="checkbox"/> Leading Plant Walks	<input type="checkbox"/> Making Posters or Displays	<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter
<input type="checkbox"/> Office Work	<input type="checkbox"/> Photography	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Presentations
<input type="checkbox"/> Working with or teaching adults	<input type="checkbox"/> Working with or teaching children	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		

Indicate days and times you are available to volunteer: (check all that apply):

Monday:	<input type="checkbox"/> Morning	<input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon	<input type="checkbox"/> Evening
Tuesday:	<input type="checkbox"/> Morning	<input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon	<input type="checkbox"/> Evening
Wednesday:	<input type="checkbox"/> Morning	<input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon	<input type="checkbox"/> Evening
Thursday:	<input type="checkbox"/> Morning	<input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon	<input type="checkbox"/> Evening
Friday:	<input type="checkbox"/> Morning	<input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon	<input type="checkbox"/> Evening
Saturday:	<input type="checkbox"/> Morning	<input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon	<input type="checkbox"/> Evening
Sunday:	<input type="checkbox"/> Morning	<input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon	<input type="checkbox"/> Evening

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Please note, we require completion of the following to continue as an Extension Volunteer (which will be provided during the mid-term). Please **confirm with your initials that you are willing to provide the following:**

- a. KY Cabinet for Health and Family Services Central Registry Check _____
- b. Criminal background check _____
- c. Copy of Drivers licenses _____
- d. Provide Social Security number _____
- e. Sex offender registry check _____

Signature of Volunteer

Date

Contact Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____