



Ellis County Master Gardeners, Inc.

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Dear Applicant for Master Gardener Training:

Thank you for your interest in the Ellis County Master Gardener Training Program. The purpose of the program is to train volunteers in gardening and landscaping horticulture so that they can support and assist the Ellis County Extension office in providing the community with research-based information on good gardening practices.

After training, volunteers will write articles for the county news papers, handle phone calls, speak at civic clubs and in many cases assist in any community garden, school gardens or other county projects where landscaping assistance is needed. Volunteers are asked to contribute 75 hours or more of volunteer work, after which they receive a Master Gardener certificate.

While you will benefit personally from this training, it should be understood that one of the principal criteria for selecting participants is their availability and willingness to help county residents with their horticulture problems.

Training will consist of eight sessions, including classes and field trips, from 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout February. Classes will be held at: First Methodist Church, 505 West Marvin, Waxahachie, TX. 75165. Please note that 100% attendance is expected.

The fee is \$100.00. A text book and copies of Extension fact sheets are provided to cover all areas of horticulture. Guest lecturers will include the faculty from Texas A & M University, Extension agents, expert gardeners and business people in the horticulture industry.

Please remit your application no later than January 12, 2007; however, class size is limited and applications will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis. After reviewing your application to determine your qualifications for the training program, you will be contacted for a personal interview in January 2007.

We are particularly interested in working with people who have a genuine interest in gardening and a sincere commitment to volunteering their time to the educational programs of the County Extension Service on horticulture. We also hope your interest will continue beyond the initial year and that you will continue your volunteer service with the Ellis County Master Gardeners.

If you have friends that are interested in participating in this program, please have them contact the Ellis County Extension office at (972) 825-5175.

Enclosed is an application for you to fill out and return to our office as soon as possible. Send application to address above:

Very truly yours,

Mark Arnold
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