



Master Urban Gardener

To be considered for the class, the completed application must be returned before January.
APPLICATION - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY OR TYPE

PART 1. Date of application _____ **For class year** _____

PART 2. Personal Information

Name: _____

Street/Apartment: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ (plus 4) _____

Phone (include area code):

[home] _____ [work] _____

[fax] _____ [cell] _____

Email _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: (include area code) _____

Part 3. Community Garden Information

a. Do you currently garden at a Community Garden?

Circle one: Yes No

If yes, name _____

If no, have you gardened at a community garden in the past?

Circle one: Yes No

If yes, when _____

If yes, where _____

b. What do you/have you grown in your community garden plot (check all that apply):

___ vegetables, herbs

___ edible flowers, shrubs & trees

___ ornamental flowers, shrubs & trees

c. What is one of your favorite plants and why?

d. List the gardening experience you feel most competent to educate others on. Example: vegetables, herbs, native plants, etc.

Part 4. Education, Volunteer, and Work Experience

a. What is/was your career?

b. Do you currently work in the green industry?

Circle one: Yes No

If yes, in what way? Circle one main category.

Grower/Farmer

Garden Designer

Landscaper

Garden Center Employee

Other Professional (explain)

c. Please circle each gardening and other skill in which you are proficient:

Computers/data entry

Writing

Digital photography

Pruning/propagation

Teaching/public speaking

Landscape Design

d. Do you have teaching experience with children? Circle one: Yes No

e. Do you have teaching experience with adults? Circle one: Yes No

f. Do you speak another language fluently? Circle one: Yes No

if yes, list:

g. Have you taken any course(s) related to gardening in the last five years?

if yes, list:

h. Have you ever worked on a farm?

If yes, where and what did you do?

i. List any organization (maximum of three) you **currently** belong to and any offices you hold:

Organization

Number of years

Elected position

Describe your specific volunteer role with one of the organizations listed above:

j. List any organization (maximum of three) you belonged to in the previous five years:

Organization

Number of years

Elected position

Describe your specific volunteer role with one of the organizations listed above:

k. NAME AND PHONE NUMBER OF SOMEONE NOT RELATED WHO CAN GIVE YOU A REFERENCE:

Name

Phone #

Part 5. Volunteer Service Menu and Commitment

There are many reasons why individuals want to be part of the Master Urban Gardener (MUG) program. Please answer the following questions by writing the number that best describes how important the volunteer reason is to you:

- 1 = Extremely important reason
- 3 = Somewhat important reason
- 5 = Not a reason or factor

To become a MUG participant is important to me because:

- a. I will have the opportunity to receive useful training.
- b. I will become part of BNAN's active, trained volunteer corps.
- c. I will have the opportunity to share my knowledge with other gardeners.
- d. I will gain practical experience that can help me get a job.
- e. I will be able to provide volunteer service to people in my community and/or neighborhood.
- f. I will receive instructions and materials.
- g. I will be able to increase my knowledge in the area of gardening.
- h. I will gain a great deal of personal satisfaction.
- i. I will be able to creatively use my free time.
- j. I will be recognized by people in my community.
- k. I will be able to gain new skills as a gardener.
- l. I will be a certified Master Urban Gardener.
- m. Other reason. Please use space below.

Here is a brief list of community gardening activities currently available for MUG volunteers. Check each of the following categories you currently have skills in and would be interested in helping with:

- a. Help a community garden: provide horticultural information, leadership and support, and garden problem-solving.
- b. Organize events: help plan and run the Gardeners Gathering, Spring Festival/Perennial Divide, Fall Festival/Perennial Divide, garden workshops.
- c. Serve on the Garden Council or Council committee.
- d. Cultivate the Learning Garden: maintain the multi-use garden as a continuing education laboratory (for MUG participants) and as a BNAN program site for the general public.

Participants in the MUG program will learn new skills helpful to community gardening. However, BNAN strives to attract MUG participants who have relevant skills to share in classroom activities and with community gardeners. Please give brief answers to each of the following:

- a. When you think about your skills, what three things do you think you do best?

- b. Which of all your skills are good enough that other people would hire you to do them?

- c. What three skills would you most like to learn?

Part 6. Agreement

I wish to become a Master Urban Gardener. I understand the applications will be screened to select the best candidates to assist with community garden education, activities, and support. If accepted, I agree to volunteer a minimum of 40 hours of service to BNAN's MUG program within one year following class completion.

I agree to participate in the training sessions before completing my service. I will use the information from the training for giving advice and recommendations to community gardeners. I will not use my Master Urban Gardener title to promote a commercial venture.

I have read and understand the Master Urban Gardener program information sheet.

To remain a certified Master Urban Gardener, I agree to submit quarterly records of my volunteer activity hours and contacts to BNAN's Garden Educator.

Applicant's signature and date _____

Email your application as an attachment to:

joann@bostonnatural.org

-OR-

Mail your application to:

Garden Educator

Boston Natural Areas Network

62 Summer Street, Second Floor

Boston, MA 02110-1008

-OR-

Fax your application to:

Attn: Garden Educator

617-542-0383

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Materials Donation _____