

# BECOME A SHAWNEE COUNTY EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER



*Extension Master Gardener Programs train volunteers in the science and art of gardening. The prerequisites are a desire to learn and the willingness to use the acquired knowledge and skills to teach our community members.*

## Responsibilities:

### Training Year

- Complete a 40 hour training course through K-State Research and Extension.

### Year Following Training

- Serve 20 hours answering home gardening questions on our Response Line.
- Volunteer an additional 20 hours through any of our 30 committees, projects and work.
- Attend a minimum of 4 membership meetings.
- Complete 6 units of approved advanced training.

### Ongoing Annual Obligations

- Volunteer 25 hours through any of our 30 committee's projects and work.
- Attend a minimum of 4 membership meetings annually.
- Complete 6 units of approved advanced training each year.

## Volunteer Opportunities:

- Garden in one of our eight demonstration gardens (Backyard, Native Plant, Perennial Plant, Prairie Star Prairie Bloom, Sensory, Vegetable, Woodland, Xeriscape).
- Grow annuals, vegetables and herbs in the Master Gardener Greenhouse.
- Promote environmental awareness and stewardship.
- Present educational programs to youth and adults in the form of library and school programs, hands-on demonstrations, Farmer's Market outreach and more!

## How to Apply:

- Applications are available online or in the Extension Office the first week of July and are due in August.
- Applicants attend an orientation and pre-acceptance interview in late August.
- Classes begin in September.

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