

Master Gardener Intern Application Class of 2026

VALENCIA COUNTY EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER APPLICATION FORM



Applications will be accepted starting on Wednesday October 1, 2025, and will remain open until Monday December 29, 2025.

The New Mexico State Extension Master Gardener Program is an outreach program that trains certified volunteers to provide scientific and researched information to the public for education and enhancement of their gardening skills.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS & EXPECTATIONS:

- Applicants should possess interest and enthusiasm for horticulture and volunteer work, as well as understand and support the educational objectives and volunteer service requirements of the Extension Master Gardener program.
- Applicants must possess basic computer skills and own or have ready access to computer equipment with reliable internet service that allows for connection for online classes, tests, and information.
- Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Activities are Valencia County focused.
- Applicants should attend the monthly Valencia County Extension Master Gardener meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month held at the Valencia County Cooperative Extension Office at 4:30 p.m.

PROGRAM INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS:

Intern Graduation to become a Master Gardener depends upon full class attendance (**on-line**), passing grade on online quizzes, and an additional 14 hours of volunteer service in 2026 to include a minimum of 1 table activity.

ATTENDANCE AND QUIZ REQUIREMENTS:

- The NMSU weekly classes and quizzes are **online** from January through April which will require approximately 5-6 hours each week for class work, quizzes and study.
- Online class attendance is mandatory and recorded when you sign in for the class.
- The reference materials provided with each class are quite informative and an important resource.
- Each class has a quiz that must be completed and passed with the required minimum points or higher before you can attend the next class.
- Interns who do not score the minimum points may retake the quiz 3 times until they pass.
- All online classwork and quizzes must be completed within 2 weeks of the last class.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS:

- A minimum of 14 hours of volunteer service at approved activities is required for all Interns.
- Some volunteer opportunities will be hands on, some will be educational.
- Interns will work with a veteran at all volunteer activities during their Intern year.
- Interns will be assigned a mentor to guide them through the program.

- Interns will participate in one Valencia County Extension Master Gardener table activity through the business tables or farmers market tables held throughout the spring and summer months.

APPLICATION FEE:

- The application fee of \$150.00 is required at the time of application submission.
- Application is complete when payment of \$150.00 is received. Payment is by check, money order, or cash.
 - Make check or money order payable to VCEMG and mail it to VCEMG, c/o Valencia County Extension Service, 404 Courthouse Rd, Los Lunas, NM 87031.
 - Do not mail cash. Or bring your check, money order or cash to the Valencia Extension office.
- Checks must be postmarked no later than one week after the application is submitted.
- For either option, if the name on the payment is different than the name on the application, please also provide the name used on the application with the payment.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

** Indicates required question*

1. Email *

2. First Name *

3. Last Name *

4. Street Address *

5. City *

6. State *

7. Zip Code *

8. Phone number *

9. Emergency Contact Name *

10. Emergency Contact Phone Number *

11. Shirt Size

Your answers in this section do not need to be lengthy. We just want a little information about you!

12. Why do you want to be a Master Gardener? *

13. Garden Experience and Interests: Describe your gardening experience, areas of garden specialization or interests you have. Include training courses or other horticulture education programs you have attended: *

14. Do you have any prior commitments that may impact your ability to complete the volunteer requirements and expectations?

MASTER GARDENER APPLICANT AGREEMENT:

I wish to become a Master Gardener (MG) in Valencia County and request acceptance into the MG Training Program offered by the Valencia County Cooperative Extension Service.

I understand that by submitting this Application, I agree to meet the online class requirements, pass all assigned quizzes, and complete the required volunteer hours to become a certified Valencia County Extension Master Gardener.

Signature:



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