



Georgia Master Gardener Advanced Training Gold Star Level Information

The Advanced Training Gold Star Level is not for every Master Gardener. Applicants must be willing to commit to a higher level of volunteer service, and serve as a resource that will expand Extension outreach in a specialty subject area. They will be expected to perform such activities as teaching, preparing materials, planning programs and providing leadership in these subject areas under the supervision of the local Extension Agent. Training at this level will include instruction in a specialty subject area and electives.

The only prior training taken before November 1, 2005 that will count for this level are any two successfully completed Advanced Training classes that may be used to fill the elective requirement. MG's who want to attain Gold Star level must take all other required modules. Master Gardeners do not need to have earned the Silver Star to in order to qualify for the Gold Star program.

Application Requirements

1. To apply, MG's must have: (a) successfully completed the MG Training and 50 hour volunteer work requirement, (b) current active status and (c) County Extension Office written approval.
2. MG's must select one specialty subject area:
 - Sustainable Garden and Landscape
 - Water Quality and Management
 - Youth and Community Gardening
 - Diagnostics & Technology
 - Urban Forestry and Ecology
3. Project approval by County Extension Office is required on the application

Training Requirements

1. Completion of six total modules is required: three modules within specialty subject area, two elective modules, and one required module (Communication, Creative Teaching Techniques or Leadership: Building a Dynamic MG Network). A coded list is available on the Master Gardener webpage at www.gamastergardener.org
2. Educational Volunteer Project related to the specialty subject area must be completed, and documentation must be submitted to County Extension Office with a copy to State Office.
3. After project completion, approval is required by County Extension Office in order to obtain the certificate and star.

Post-completion Requirements

1. Gold level MG's will need at least one "CEU" per year to maintain an active status. CEU's can be obtained by attending seminars and lectures given by recognized speakers or plant societies. Educational activities must be-approved by County Extension Office for credits on an hour-per-hour basis in the subject of specialty.

Advanced Training Gold Level Application

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name _____ County _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____ Year Trained _____

I have read and understand the information on page one of this application. I understand that in order to attend training to become an Gold Star Level Advanced Master Gardener I must: (a) have successfully completed the MG Training and 50 hour volunteer work requirement, (b) maintain current active status and (c) have County Extension Office approval.

Applicant's Signature

This applicant is an active Master Gardener is recommended to participate in the Gold Star Level Advanced Training.

CEC, Agent or Local MG Coordinator Signature

Specific Subject Area

Check One

- Sustainable Garden and Landscape
- Water Quality and Management
- Youth and Community Gardening

- Diagnostics and Technology
- Urban Forestry and Ecology

Advanced Training Modules Completed

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Must include 3 modules within specialty subject area, 2 elective modules, 1 required module = either Creative Teaching Techniques or Leadership: Building a Dynamic MG Network. Only 2 modules completed prior to 1/01/06 may count toward the required modules for the Gold Level.

Proposed Project Description

Suggest a local problem related to your chosen specialty are and how your project will help to solve it.

Proposed Project Description continued

Explain how this project will benefit local Cooperative Extension programming.

CEC, Agent, or Local MG Coordinator

Date

Certifies that the proposed project meets local Extension programming needs

After project is complete, fill in the following section and have County Extension Agent or Master Gardener coordinator sign and date indicating that the project is complete.

Record the number of hours you spent on this project here and also in your Master Gardener Log-book.

Hours spent planning project _____

Hours spent completing the project _____

Discuss how the project was completed. Include how many people your project is expected to reach and the overall outcome of the project.

CEC, Agent, or Local MG Coordinator

Date

Certifies that the applicant is an active Master Gardener and that project has been completed

Mail copy of completed application to:
State Master Gardener Coordinator
Cowart Building UGA Griffin Campus
1109 Experiment St
Griffin, GA 30223-1731