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July 11, 2023

Dear Sir or Madam:

Thank you for your interest in the 2023 Extension Master Gardener Program. The program will begin on **Friday, September 8, 2023**. Classes are scheduled for every Friday from 9:00 a.m. to noon, except for the day after Thanksgiving, for 14 weeks through **Friday, December 15**. The training will be held in Owensboro at the Daviess County Cooperative Extension Service office, 4800A New Hartford Road, located on the Owensboro Community and Technical College campus.

The Extension Master Gardener program is part of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service and is designed to expand horticultural knowledge among the community through the use of trained volunteers. Your decision to enroll in the program must be based on a commitment to help others in horticulture. You are required to volunteer 40 hours to Cooperative Extension Service programs as an intern in return for the training.

The Cooperative Extension Service is committed to education. To accomplish this, those adopting the Extension Master Gardener Policy must be willing to accept the challenge of going through the training, which includes reading, quizzes, and a final exam. Each participant is expected to attend all training sessions and keep up with the material being covered each week. An excellent curriculum has been developed that includes subjects on fruits, vegetables, plant pathology, entomology, soils, annuals, perennials, turf care, and botany. The program will be taught through classroom lectures, labs, and demonstrations. Instruction will be provided by the Daviess County Extension Agent for Horticulture Education, Horticulture Program Assistant, University of Kentucky Extension specialists, and resource people from the community. An Extension Master Gardener handbook and other resource information will be provided to each participant.

A registration fee of \$85 will be charged to cover the cost of resource materials and supplies for the program. Competitive scholarships, awarded by the Green River Area Extension Master Gardener Association, for partial fee coverage, are available by requesting the application from the Daviess County Cooperative Extension Service Office. Scholarships must be completed and returned to the Extension Office by July 28. Notification of awards will be complete by August 2.

*If you would like to participate, please fill out the application, enclose a check for the fee amount made payable to **Daviess County Program Funds**, and return them by August 4, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. The enrollment is limited to 50 applicants with a paid registration.*

Selection will be based on the information provided on the application and a personal interview at an arranged time in August. Applicants from Daviess County will receive first consideration. The applicant will be notified by August 31 about his/her status for joining

the class. If the class is full, your registration fee will be returned to you. The Extension Master Gardener program will be offered again in the fall of 2025.

Please note that the Extension Master Gardener program is not to be used for commercial purposes. Promoting a business using the title of Extension Master Gardener is not allowed.

If you have any questions, please call me at 270-685-8480.

Sincerely,

Annette Meyer Heisdorffer

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Extension Agent for Horticulture Education –

Daviess County

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Volunteer Application Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service

Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service takes seriously its obligation to provide a safe environment for all persons involved in volunteer activities. This application will gather information necessary to successfully match the applicant with the appropriate position. When questions arise about qualifications, answers given by the application will be verified.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name _____
(FIRST) (MIDDLE) (LAST)

e-mail _____

Phone: Primary _____ **Mobile** _____

Other _____ **Work** _____

Mailing Address _____
(STREET, BOX, ROUTE, APT #) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP)

Residential Address (If different from above): _____
(Street, Box, Route, Apt#) (City) (State) (Zip)

How long have you lived at present address? _____ years

If less than five years, list your prior addresses and the length of time you lived at each.

(STREET, BOX, ROUTE, APT #) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP) (Length of Stay)

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Ethnicity: (check one): Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino

Racial Groups (check all that apply): White Black or African American
 American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Gender: Female Male Other: _____

Occupation: _____ **Employer:** _____

If you were a 4-H'er, indicate County: _____ State: _____

If you have volunteered with youth (including 4-H), how long did you do so? _____

If yes, list City: _____ County: _____ State: _____

Have you been convicted of two or more moving vehicle violations in the last 12 months?

Yes No If yes, please explain: _____

Extension staff with whom you worked. Name: _____ Phone: _____

Previous Volunteer Experience (LIST CURRENT OR MOST RECENT EXPERIENCE FIRST)

ORGANIZATION	VOLUNTEER ROLE	YEAR(S)

II. EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name _____
(FIRST) (MIDDLE) (LAST)

e-mail _____

Phone: Primary _____ Mobile _____

Other _____ Work _____

III. PERSONAL REFERENCES

List two persons **not related to you** who know about your qualifications and experiences working as a volunteer. If you have previous experience as a volunteer with a youth organization, one reference should be from that youth organization. Please include complete address and phone number.

1) NAME: _____ cell phone _____ work phone _____

Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

How do you know this person? _____ email _____

2) NAME _____ cell phone _____ work phone _____

Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

How do you know this person? _____ email _____

I authorize the contact of the references listed above.

I understand an annual Criminal Record Check may be conducted. I understand that the misrepresentation or omission of information requested is just cause for non-appointment/ termination/disengagement as a volunteer.

If accepted as a volunteer, I agree to abide by the standards of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service and to fulfill the volunteer responsibilities to the best of my abilities. I understand that the purpose of 4-H Youth Development programs is to develop youth individually and as responsible, productive citizens. I recognize that Extension programs are part of the College of Agriculture, in which USDA, the University of Kentucky, Kentucky State University and all Kentucky counties share. As a volunteer, I am committing to involve individuals regardless of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, creed, religion, political belief, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, marital status, genetic information, age, veteran status, or physical or mental disability.

Signature of volunteer _____

Date _____



UK Motor Vehicle Record Information Form

Motor Vehicle Record (MVR) Release and Information Form

UK Risk Management
306 Peterson Service Building
Lexington, KY 40506-0005
Phone: (859) 257-3708

Services provided by:
Underwriter's Safety & Claims
Phone: (502) 244-1343

Please attach scan of Drivers' License.

Department Information:

UK Department: _____ Department Number: _____

Supervisor/Contact: _____ Supervisor/Contact Phone: _____

Driver Information: Check One Employee 4-H Volunteer Other: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Exactly as it appears on Drivers' license

Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Sex: _____ Date of Birth: _____ County: _____

Drivers License Number: _____ State: _____

Years Driving Experience Yrs.: _____ Mos.: _____ Date of Hire: _____

In connection with any application made by me, I understand that investigative background inquiries may be made on me concerning matters of motor vehicle information. I understand that you may be requesting information from various Federal, State, and other agencies which maintain records concerning past activities relating to my driving records.

I authorize, without reservation, any party or agency contacted to furnish the above-mentioned information and agree to hold harmless, the University of Kentucky, its Board of Trustees, officers, employees, agents, and representatives from any liability and/or responsibility for doing so. I hereby give consent to the University of Kentucky to obtain such information from Underwriter's Safety & Claims and/or any of their agents. This authorization and consent shall be valid in an original, fax, copy or electronic form. I recognize that these inquiries may be made randomly in the future and no further authorization is required by me.

Failure to provide all information requested may result in a delay of University of Kentucky driving privileges.

Driver's Signature: X _____ Date: _____

University of Kentucky Extension Volunteer Criminal Record Check Request

DISCLOSURE AND AUTHORIZATION FORM TO OBTAIN CONSUMER REPORTS

Please Read Carefully Before Signing the Authorization

In considering you for a volunteer role, Kentucky Extension will request a criminal record check from Verified Volunteers. (855) 326-1860 www.verifiedvolunteers.com as well as two personal references.

For explanation purposes:

- a "criminal record check" is a written communication of information, used in making a volunteer-related decision about you. This may include criminal history reports and driving records.
- a "personal reference" is a report of information on your character, reputation, personal characteristics or mode of living obtained from prior employers, neighbors, friends, associates or others who have such knowledge. You are entitled to disclosures regarding the nature and scope of the information requested and "A Summary of Your Rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act." (Note: We will **not** run a credit check on any potential volunteer. This is simply the name of the bill.)

We must have your written authorization to obtain a criminal record check and personal reference. Before any adverse action is taken, based on information in those reports, you will be provided a copy of that report, the name, address and telephone number of Verified Volunteers and a summary of your rights under the FCRA.

To obtain a Criminal Record Check, please print your information clearly and accurately:

First Name: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Phone Number: _____

Driver's License #: _____ Driver's License State: _____

Current Address: 1: _____ From _____ To _____

Seven Year Address History:

Address 2: _____ From _____ To _____

Address 3: _____ From _____ To _____

Address 4: _____ From _____ To _____

Address 5: _____ From _____ To _____

Maiden/Alias Names Used: _____

I understand that failure to provide the information requested will prohibit my involvement as a volunteer for the University of Kentucky. I understand that failure to accurately provide the information requested may result in my prosecution under KRS 523.100.

I hereby give permission to the University of Kentucky to obtain a Criminal Record Report on me.

_____ (signature) _____ (date)



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES
Department for Community Based Services
CENTRAL REGISTRY CHECK

FOR THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF EMPLOYMENT OR VOLUNTEERISM, STATE LAW OR KENTUCKY ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION AUTHORIZES A CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT (CA/N) CHECK AS A CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT OR VOLUNTEERISM (www.lrc.ky.gov). PLEASE CHECK THE CATEGORY LISTED BELOW THAT APPLIES TO YOU FOR WHICH THE CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT CHECK IS BEING REQUESTED:

- Child-Placing Agency (Foster/Adoption/Independent Living) Employee or Volunteer (Required by 922 KAR 1:310)
- Residential Child-Caring Facility Employee or Volunteer (Required by 922 KAR 1:300)
(Institution/Group Home/Emergency)
- Public School Employee, Student Teacher, Contractor, or School-Based Decision-Making Council Member
(Required by KRS 160.380)
- Private, Parochial, or Church School Employee or Student Teacher
(Permitted by KRS 160.151)
- Youth Camp Employee, Contractor, or Volunteer (Required by KRS 194A.380-194A.383)
- Power of Attorney Regarding the Care and Custody of a Child (Required by KRS 403.352)
- Supports for Community Living (SCL) Employee (Required by 907 KAR 12:010)
- Michelle P. Waiver (Required by 907 KAR 1:835)
- Home and Community Based (HCB) Waiver (Required by 907 KAR 1:160 and 7:010)
- Acquired Brain Injury Waiver Services (Required by 907 KAR 3:090)
- Children's Advocacy Center (Required by 922 KAR 1:580)
- Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) (Required by KRS 620.515)
- Personal Care Attendant (Required by 910 KAR 1:090)

Other (If none of the above categories is applicable, please explain the reason for requesting a child abuse or neglect check, including the statutory or regulatory authority for the request):

PERSONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE INDIVIDUAL SUBMITTING TO A CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT CHECK (Please print and submit identifying information such as a copy of your driver's license, social security card, or birth certificate):

NAME: _____
(first) (middle) (maiden/nickname/other) (last)

Sex: ___ **Race:** _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Social Security/Individual Taxpayer Identification #: _____

Date of Initial Hire: _____

Present Address: _____
City State Zip Code

Previous Address: _____
City State Zip Code

Previous Address: _____
City State Zip Code

Previous Address: _____
City State Zip Code

Previous Address: _____
City State Zip Code

Please list your addresses for the last five years. Use another sheet of paper, if necessary.



CENTRAL REGISTRY CHECK

A credit or debit card payment in the amount of ten dollars (\$10.00) must accompany your request to process a Child Abuse or Neglect Check. The Child Abuse or Neglect Check will NOT be processed without payment.

I hereby authorize the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to complete a Child Abuse or Neglect check and to submit the results of the check to me and, on my behalf, to the employer or agency listed below. I also release the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, its officers, agents, and employees, from any liability or damages resulting from the release of this information.

All the information provided is complete and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand if I give false information or do not report all of the information needed, I may be subject to prosecution for fraud.

Signature of the Individual Submitting to the Child Abuse or Neglect Check

Date

The individual authorizing a Child Abuse or Neglect check may submit a CHFS-305, Authorization for Disclosure of Protected Information, authorizing the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to disclose additional information regarding a finding to the employer or agency listed below should the employer or agency request additional information pursuant to 922 KAR 1:510, Authorization for disclosure of protection and permanency records.

In addition to receiving the results myself, I authorize the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to share the results with the following employer or agency:

NAME OF EMPLOYER/AGENCY: _____

ADDRESS: _____ **CITY:** _____

STATE: _____ **ZIP:** _____ **PHONE:** _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

RESULTS OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT CHECK [FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY]

- No reportable incident found in accordance with 922 KAR 1:470
 - Substantiated child abuse found on the registry Date of substantiated finding: _____
 - Substantiated child neglect found on the registry Date of substantiated finding: _____
- The substantiated abuse or neglect finding relates to sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, a child fatality, near fatality, or involuntary termination of parental rights Yes No
- A matter subject to administrative review found in accordance with 922 KAR 1:470

CHECK CONDUCTED ON _____ BY _____

Kentucky CES Expectations for Volunteers

Trust is placed in the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service to provide quality leadership and care for individuals participating in CES programs. The opportunity to work with youth is a privileged position of trust that should be held only by those who are willing to demonstrate behaviors that fulfill this trust. These expectations for volunteers guide their involvement in Kentucky Extension activities.

The purpose of these expectations for volunteers is to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants (i.e., youth, their parents, and families, paid and volunteer staff). Kentucky CES volunteers are expected to function within the guidelines of Kentucky CES and Kentucky 4-H.

The following statements relate to the role of a volunteer with Kentucky CES and represent a contractual agreement between a volunteer and Kentucky CES.

- I will represent Kentucky CES to youth and adults by conducting myself with courteous manners and language, exhibiting good sportsmanship, serving as a positive role model, and demonstrating appropriate conflict resolution skills.
- I will abide by all applicable laws and CES rules, policies, and guidelines. This includes, but is not limited to, child abuse, fiscal management procedures and substance abuse.
- I will accept supervision and support from Extension staff or management volunteers.
- I will participate in orientation and on-going volunteer education and development, including client protection standards.
- I will not consume or allow others to use alcohol or illegal drugs at any CES function.
- I will, when transporting others, operate vehicles and equipment in a safe and reliable manner and only with a valid operator's license. I will comply with all vehicular regulations and laws. All passengers will be secured by properly operating seat belts. I have the minimum vehicle insurance coverage required by the Commonwealth of KY.
- I will accept the responsibility to promote and support the vision, mission, and values of Kentucky CES and its programs.
- I will conduct myself in a manner that is in the best interest of youth, adults and CES and will not use the volunteer position for purposes of personal gain.
- I will treat animals in a humane manner and teach program participants to provide appropriate animal care and management.
- I will use technology (including social media) in an appropriate manner that reflects the best practices in youth development.
- I will not practice, condone, tolerate, or allow bullying, hazing, harassment, or malicious pranks.
- I will ensure that educational programs of KY Cooperative Extension serve all people regardless of economic or social status and will not discriminate based on race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, creed, religion, political belief, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, marital status, genetic information, age, veteran status, or physical or mental disability.

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by these expectations for volunteers. I understand that suspension or termination of my position will result if I do not meet these expectations.

Signature of Volunteer

Date

Signature of Supervisor or Agent

Date



Criminal Record (Background) Check Results (attach here)

Disclosure Regarding Volunteer Background Report

Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service ("COMPANY") may obtain from Sterling Volunteers, 1 State Street Plaza, New York, NY 10004, (855) 326-1860, www.sterlingvolunteers.com, a consumer report and/or an investigative consumer report ("REPORT") that contains background information about you in connection with volunteerism. Verified Volunteers may obtain further reports throughout your volunteerism so as to update your report without providing further disclosure or obtaining additional consent.

The REPORT may contain information about your character, general reputation, personal characteristics and mode of living. The REPORT may include, but is not limited to, credit reports and credit history information; criminal and other public records and history; public court records; motor vehicle and driving records; and Social Security verification and address history, subject to any limitations imposed by applicable federal and state law. This information may be obtained from public record and private sources, including credit bureaus, government agencies and judicial records, and other sources.

If an investigative consumer REPORT is obtained, in addition to the description above, the nature and scope of any such REPORT will be for personal references.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Authorization to Obtain a Criminal Record Check (Background Report)

I have read the Disclosure Regarding Volunteer Background Report provided by Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service ("COMPANY") and this Authorization to Obtain Volunteer Background Report. By my signature below, I hereby consent to the preparation by Verified Volunteers, a consumer reporting agency located at 1 State Street Plaza, New York, NY 10004, (855) 326-1860, www.sterlingvolunteers.com of background reports regarding me and the release of such reports to the COMPANY and its designated representatives, to assist the COMPANY in making a volunteer decision involving me at any time after receipt of this authorization and throughout my volunteerism, to the extent permitted by law. To this end, I hereby authorize, without reservation, any state or federal law enforcement agency or court, educational institution, motor vehicle record agency, credit bureau or other information service bureau or data repository, to furnish any and all information regarding me to Verified Volunteers and/or the COMPANY itself and authorize Verified Volunteers to provide such information to the COMPANY. I agree that a facsimile ("fax"), electronic or photographic copy of this Authorization shall be as valid as the original.

I acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's "A SUMMARY OF YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THE FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT."

Applicant's Name (Printed): _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____





Extension Master Gardener

VOLUNTEER POSITION DESCRIPTION

Kentucky Horticulture Program
Kentucky 4-H Program
The University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service
The University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment

POSITION TITLE:

- Extension Master Gardener

TIME REQUIRED / DURATION OF APPOINTMENT:

- 40 hours of volunteer service initially the first year, 20 hours of volunteer service, and 10 hours of continued education for continued certification annually thereafter.

LOCATION:

- Various locations in Daviess County

GENERAL PURPOSE:

- To educate and engage a group of volunteers who can facilitate programs of the Daviess County Cooperative Extension Service and provide research-based information in order to protect the environment and enhance horticulture in the community.
- Provide leadership and program support to the Horticulture Extension Council and Daviess County Extension Council.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provide leadership and volunteerism to further advance horticulture in Daviess County including horticulture consultations with incoming telephone callers at the Daviess County Extension Office, while working on a project, through teaching a class, and at educational booths in the community including Western Kentucky Botanical Garden, Owensboro Regional Farmers' Market, and Owensboro Home Expo.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must complete the Volunteer Application process and be approved by the Youth Protection/Risk Management Committee.
- Commitment to the educational and volunteerism components of the Extension Master Gardener Program. This includes completing the class, passing the exam, and completing the volunteer service time of 40 hours.

BENEFITS:

- This program provides classroom type instruction by area horticulture agents, local industry professionals, and experts from the University of Kentucky. Growing better gardens, understanding how soils affect plant performance, and learning about pruning are just three of the many topics covered. Fruit, flower and vegetable gardening, composting, tree and shrub selection and planting, lawn management, insect identification, and diagnosing plant problems are also discussed. In addition, opportunities for participants to network with other gardeners are provided.

SALARY:

- Unsalaries; volunteer.

MENTOR / SUPERVISING PROFESSIONAL:

Annette Meyer Heisdorffer, Daviess County Extension Agent for Horticulture Education
Daviess County Cooperative Extension Service
4800A New Hartford Road
Owensboro, KY. 42303
Phone: (270) 685-8480
Email – annette.heisdorffer@uky.edu

(Over)



I have read, understand and agree to fulfill the purpose and responsibilities of this volunteer position and further agree to accept guidance and direction from the supervisor. I also understand that failure to fulfill the purpose and responsibilities of the volunteer position and to accept guidance and direction from the supervisor could result in suspension of my position. I also understand that this volunteer position is renewable annually; I will notify the supervising professional if I am no longer interested in serving.

Signature of Volunteer

Signature of Extension Professional

Date

Date

