**Toronto Master Gardener-in-Training Program**

**Application Form**

Thank you for your interest in the Toronto Master Gardeners. We are a volunteer organization with a mandate to provide current, science-based information to the gardening public.

To indicate your interest in the Toronto Master Gardener-in-Training program, please complete this application and forward it to the Coordinator of Recruitment and Training of the Toronto Master Gardeners. Completion of a basic gardening knowledge test and attending an interview complete the process.

**First Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

1. Briefly describe your interest in and experience with volunteerism, and gardening and how this relates to your desire to become a Master Gardener.
2. As a volunteer organization we value the knowledge and skills members have in addition to gardening. Briefly describe your professional/occupation or volunteer skills, knowledge and experiences that could contribute to the success of the Toronto Master Gardeners.
3. The Toronto Master Gardener-in-Training internship takes 2-3 years to complete. As a Toronto Master Gardener-in-Training you must complete the following 3 requirements to be qualified as a Toronto Master Gardener:
4. The educational requirements must be completed within 3 years of joining. The educational requirements include completing either 3 online University of Guelph courses or 4 online Dalhousie University Master Gardener courses or if you have a solid horticultural background, writing the MGOI certification exam. The tuition of approximately $600/course and/or MGOI certification exam fee of $100 are payable by the individual Master Gardener-in-Training;
5. Fulfill the annual volunteer obligations each year that include 30 hours of approved volunteer service, attend a minimum of 4 Toronto Master Gardener meetings, and undertake approved continuing education activities;
6. Complete at least 2 years as a Master Gardener-in-Training.

Please mark the appropriate box for each of the following statements:

1. I can complete the educational requirements of the Master Gardener-in-Training Program **or** write the Master Gardener of Ontario Certification examination.

 Yes  No  Unsure 

1. I can complete annually 30 hours of volunteer service, attend minimum of 4 Toronto Master Gardener meetings and approved continuing education activities.

 Yes  No  Unsure 

Please submit your completed application form to the TMG Recruitment and Training Coordinator at virginia.barton102@gmail.com

* Selected applicants will receive an invitation by email to write the General Gardening Knowledge test.