



**Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service- Bexar County
2025 Master Gardener Extension Volunteer Intern
Training
Class # 68**



Offered by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

Beginning Aug. 20, 2025 – Ending Nov. 12, 2025

Classes meet every Wednesday, 9:00AM – 1:00PM (**unless told otherwise**)

*Must meet via Zoom every Thursday at 7pm for a weekly recap meeting

Class Location:

Small Business and Entrepreneurship Office
8200 Perrin Beitel Ste. 117 San Antonio, TX 78218

Field Trips:

Friday, September 26, 9AM – 12PM, Lourdes Grotto & Guadalupe Tepeyac

Friday, October 3, 9 AM – 12 PM, San Antonio Botanical Garden

Friday, October 17, 9 AM – 12 PM, San Antonio Botanical Garden

Friday, Nov 7, 9 AM – 12 PM, Peterson Nursery (Wholesale grower)

Submission of application does not guarantee acceptance into the class.

Application Deadline – Friday, July 21, 2025

Get your application in A.S.A.P. as space is limited.

Texas Master Gardeners support **Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service** by providing unbiased, research-based, gardening information to the public. By applying to become a Master Gardener, you are expressing your willingness to support this community education through your volunteer service. You will also provide support to the Bexar County Master Gardeners through talents/skills which you may already have or are willing to learn.

Proficiency in gardening is not required, and we are looking for individuals that are ready to volunteer their time to the Bexar County Master Gardener Extension Volunteer program.

To be considered for the Master Gardener Extension Volunteer Program you must:

- Complete this application.
- Attend a scheduled in-person **group interview** the fourth week of July.

Master Gardener Internship

If accepted for the Master Gardener Program, you will be admitted as a Master Gardener Intern. The **Intern period is from August 20, 2025, through November 12, 2025**. During this time MG Interns will:

- Complete classroom training:
 - 13 4-hr in-classes
 - 4 field trips
 - Final exam
 - Weekly Recaps on Thursday

- Provide a **minimum of 50 volunteer hours (VHs)** of service under the guidance of veteran Master Gardeners and the County Program Coordinator. ***Within one year of completion of training***
- Graduation/Certification will be at the 2026 December Holiday and Awards Party

Master Gardener Annual Certification

Each year certified Master Gardeners must complete the following to continue their certified status for the following year:

- Provide 30 VHs of service.
- Earn 10 hours of approved Continuing Education (CE)
 - Attend 2 BCMG Monthly Membership Meetings
- Pay \$25 BCMG Dues
- Renew a background check (once every three years)

Interview

Applicants will attend a **group interview** to complete the application process. Please indicate your first (1) and second (2) choice for interview times. **Please plan to attend for the full group time.**

- _____ Group 1: Monday, July 28, 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
- _____ Group 2: Tuesday, July 29, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
- _____ Group 3: Wednesday, July 30, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
- _____ Group 4: Thursday, July 31, 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Interviews will be conducted at Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office (Bexar County)

3355 Cherry Ridge Dr. Ste. 208 San Antonio, TX 78230

During the interview you will be given **3-5 minutes** to help us learn more about you and how you might engage as a Master Gardener educator. Please address the first two questions (in bold) plus one or more of the following topics.

- **Why are you applying for the Master Gardener Training?**
- **What can you offer Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Bexar County Master Gardeners Program?**
- *Briefly* describe your work history and educational background.
- *Are you retired or currently employed and share with us your work history.*
- *Briefly* describe your gardening experience.
- *Briefly* describe your experience working with youth/adult groups.
- *Briefly* describe your public speaking experience.
- *Briefly* describe your event planning experience.
- *Briefly* describe your board or committee experience.
- Are you bi-lingual? If yes, in what language(s)?
- Anything else you would like to share.

Complete this form and return:

- **Mail to:**
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
ATTN: Humberto Cruz/David Rodriguez
3355 Cherry Ridge Dr., Ste. 212
San Antonio, TX, 78230
- **Drop-off:** Use the drop box at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office (same address)
- **Email:** Attach the forms and send to humberto.cruz@ag.tamu.edu and dhrodriguez@ag.tamu.edu
(Only one submission of application is required)
You may attach up to two letters of reference (optional).

Registration Information

- **Approved applicants must attend a group interview (July 28, 29, 30, 31) for selection.**
- Applicants will be contacted within a week's time of their interview regarding their status of being accepted or not accepted for the training. Accepted applicants will be sent a private link via email for payment of **\$260 which is payable in full – by August 15th.**
- Needs-based scholarships are available, please contact David Rodriguez, at dhrodriguez@ag.tamu.edu.
- **NOTE:** A background check is required on **ALL** applicants participating in any Extension Volunteer Program and needs be completed before the first day of class via an email invite.
- If applicant withdraws prior to August 20, 2025, a processing fee of \$100 will be administered, **no refunds will be issued** on or after August 20, 2025.

Name (Last, First)		Nickname	
Address, City, Zip Code			
Preferred Phone		Alternate Phone and Emergency Contact	
Email Address		Bexar County Precinct # (1, 2, 3, or 4)	
Do you know a current or former Master Gardener? Yes or No		If so, give name and county. Name: County:	
Previous or Current Occupation			

If you do not know your County Precinct: #<https://maps.bexar.org/Commissioners>

By submitting this application, I indicate that I have read and understand the expectations of holding a Bexar County Master Gardener certification. I agree to fully complete the classroom training and volunteer at least 50 hours of service as a MG Intern volunteer as outlined above.

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