



The Gilmer County Master Gardener Extension Volunteers are an outreach of the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension.  
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Dear Master Gardener Extension Volunteer Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the University of Georgia Master Gardener Extension Volunteer training program. We are please to offer the volunteer training program to residents of Gilmer Counter beginning August 10, 2017. The class will be held every Thursday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the United Community Bank.

The purpose of the University of Georgia Master Gardener Extension volunteer program is to train volunteers to complement, enhance, and support the education efforts of the local UGA Cooperative Extension office. As such, the Gilmer county Master Gardener Extension Volunteer Program is a selective process. In order to be considered for the volunteer training program, you must fill out the application and all enclosed forms, submit a check for the training fees (collected at interview, refundable if not selected) and complete an interview.

As a Master Gardener Extension Volunteer applicant, you **are** required to complete a background check, attend at least 80% of the training classes and **complete 50 hours of approved volunteer service the first year after graduation of the training program to your residential County Extension office. Subsequent years require 25 hours of approved volunteer service.** If you have any questions concerning the Master Gardener Extension volunteer program, you may contact **Julie Keller at (706) 636-4735** or email [gilmermgv@gmail.com](mailto:gilmermgv@gmail.com).

Master Gardener Extension Volunteer Training Application packet check list:

- Cover Letter
- Completed Application (return to Gilmer County Extension Office)
- Application for screening (return to Gilmer County Extension Office)
- Signed Volunteer Agreement Form/ Adult Behavior Guidelines when Working with Youth (return to Gilmer County Extension Office)
- Background Check (return to Gilmer County Extension Office)
- Master Gardener General Job Description
- **\$195** check (bring to interview)

Please print and complete the four forms above and submit to Gilmer County Extension office no later than **June 2, 2017**.