



Grosse Pointe Garden Center Master Gardener Scholarships Available

The MSUE Master Gardener program has been restructured effective 2023.

Under the restructuring, MSUE now offers a gardening class called "Foundations of Gardening." The course is a state-wide, completely virtual, 10-week course with a 2 ½ hour live zoom weekly lecture followed by assigned readings and videos, all completed online. It is limited to 500 participants for the spring session and 500 for the fall session. The cost of the class is \$350.00.

The "Foundations of Gardening" course and becoming an Extension Master Gardener are now two separate entities. People who ONLY take the class will NOT be Extension Master Gardeners (EMG). After successfully completing the "Foundations of Gardening" course (80% on quizzes), participants may opt to start the process to become an Extension Master Gardener volunteer. The cost for this is \$30.

Prospective Master Gardeners have up to three years from taking the course to go through the volunteer orientation to become an EMG. Prospective EMG volunteers must submit an application and go through an interview and a background check before they can register for volunteer orientation. Volunteer orientation is conducted in person in two 4-hour sessions county by county. As of January 2023, each volunteer orientation session will be limited to 30 applicants for Wayne County in spring, and 30 in fall.

\$350 GPGC Master Gardener Scholarship Guidelines

1. An applicant must have successfully completed the MSUE "Foundations of Gardening" course (80% on quizzes), and be accepted into the Extension Master Gardener (EMG) Volunteer Orientation program.
2. Applicants have 1 year from course completion and acceptance into the EMG Volunteer Orientation Program to apply for the scholarship.
3. Once the applicant has been accepted into the EMG Volunteer Orientation program, they may begin working toward the 20-hour volunteer commitment with the Grosse Pointe Garden Center (GPGC). Applicants have 1 year from receipt of their scholarship application to complete the 20-hour GPGC volunteer hours requirement.
4. When the 20-hour volunteer requirement is fulfilled *and* the applicant has been certified as a Master Gardener, the scholarship reimbursement will be awarded.