



EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

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INTRODUCTION (TO BE READ BY INTERVIEWER(S))

Have each interviewer introduce themselves before the interview begins.

Select one facilitator for the interview to help open and close the interview.

"Thank you for your interest in the Extension Master Gardener Program. This interview is designed to help us learn more about your experience, interests, and goals, and to ensure our program is a good fit for you. We'll be asking you questions about your background in gardening, volunteer experience, and interest in serving your communities throughout your county."

INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US

1. How did you hear about the Master Gardener program?
 - a. Can you tell us what you think Master Gardeners do?
 - b. Have you attended a Master Gardener event?
2. Can you tell us what you know about University of Nevada, Reno Extension and our mission?

Great opportunity to follow up with an elevator speech about your county program. Include information about Extension and the mission statement.

HORTICULTURE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE

1. What is your experience with gardening or horticulture?
2. Do you have any formal or informal education related to gardening, plants, or the environment?
3. What types of gardening (e.g., vegetable, native plants, xeriscaping) are you most familiar with or interested in?



VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

1. Have you volunteered in the past?
 - If so, in what roles and with which organizations?
2. Why are you interested in volunteering with the Extension Master Gardener Program specifically?
3. How do you see yourself helping to support community education and outreach?

AVAILABILITY & COMMITMENT

1. This program involves annual volunteer and continuing education commitments. Do you foresee any challenges in completing the annual commitment hours?
 - *First year – 35 volunteer hours / 15 continuing education hours*
 - *Annual – 20 volunteer hours / 10 continuing education hours*
2. Do you have flexibility to volunteer on weekdays, weekends, or evenings?

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND TEACHING

1. Have you ever taught or helped others learn something new?
 - What was that experience like?
2. How comfortable are you speaking to the public or working one-on-one with community members?

INCLUSION AND ACCESSIBILITY

1. Our program values reaching and serving diverse audiences across Nevada. What does community inclusion mean to you?
2. How would you help make gardening and horticultural education more accessible or welcoming to people of different backgrounds or abilities?

PROGRAM FIT AND GOALS

1. What are you hoping to gain from participating in the Master Gardener Program?
2. Where do you see yourself contributing to most community events, garden helpline, teaching workshops, etc.?