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## 2009 URI Extension Master Gardener Program Application

I wish to become a University of Rhode Island Extension Master Gardener volunteer and request an interview and /or consideration for acceptance into the URI Master Gardener Certification Program beginning in Feb. 2009. I understand that if accepted into the URI Master Gardener Certification Program, I agree that I will contribute 50 hours of volunteer service by May 2010.

Please print or type all clearly.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn of this program? Be specific. \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you wish to be a URI Extension Master Gardener volunteer? \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your educational background. \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your gardening or other skills in which you are proficient. \_\_\_\_\_

Ex. Teaching, Speaking, Garden Design, etc.

List at least 2 types of gardening about which you would like to develop expertise in order to educate others.

Please list any classes or courses related to gardening that you have taken in the last 2 years.

Please list any horticultural organization you currently belong to and any office you may hold.

Do you currently work in the green industry? Yes No If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

List current volunteer experience in your community: schools, seniors, youth, etc.

Please describe your gardening experience and interests. \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be available for at least 12 weeks, one night a week from late January through April?  
YES NO *Which night won't be confirmed until October.*

Do you agree to undergo a criminal background and drivers license check for which you will be required to submit your social security number? Yes No *This process may be necessary especially when working with children.*

**URI Extension Volunteer Code of Conduct**

Having signed this University of Rhode Island Extension Volunteer agreement, I accept responsibility to represent URI Extension with dignity and pride and to conduct myself as a positive role model for program participants. I will adhere to the following standards of behavior when engaged in assigned volunteer activities.

- \* Respect and adhere to URI Extension rules, policies and guidelines that relate to volunteer activity and the program I serve.
- \* Execute URI Extension business in an ethical manner.
- \* Preserve the confidentiality of information (and sign confidentiality agreement if required by my volunteer role) about program participants and URI Extension internal affairs that have been entrusted to me.
- \* Refrain from using my URI Extension volunteer status for personal or business financial gain.
- \* Fulfill my assigned volunteer duties, including completion of required records or reports, in a timely manner.
- \* Use my time wisely and work cooperatively with Extension staff and other volunteers.
- \* Participate in required training programs and use the recommended policies and procedures.
- \* Accept supervision and support from professional Extension staff and/or supervisory volunteers.
- \* Respect and uphold the rights and dignity of all staff, other volunteers and all individuals who participate in URI Extension programs recognizing that people's values, beliefs, customs and strengths differ.
- \* Encourage participation of, and respect for, individuals of diverse backgrounds, cultures and perspectives.
- \* Refrain from the use of alcohol, tobacco and inappropriate language.
- \* Commit no illegal or abusive act.
- \* Report all unsafe conditions and accidents to professional extension staff as soon as possible.

I have read, understand, and agree to uphold the code of conduct.

*By accepting and signing this application form, URI Extension is granted permission to use and/or publish my photograph or image (including audio, film, digital image or any other media) for educational programs, websites or promotion of Extension programs.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail your completed application to Rosanne Sherry, CELS Outreach Center, 3 East Alumni Avenue, Kingston, RI 02881      APPLICATION DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 1, 2008

Thank you for your interest in the URI Extension Master Gardener Volunteer program.

Office use only: Application received: \_\_\_\_\_ Payment: \_\_\_\_\_ Revised: 9.17.2008