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**EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD Washington County Master Gardeners**

**Submission Deadline is October 15** Please submit a digital copy in Word format to Colin Massey, cmassey@uada.edu, with “Awards Committee” in subject line**.**

Name of WCMG Contact Submitting Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

MG Contact Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_MG Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

Project Inception Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Targeted Audience(s)/Number of Participants: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Number of MGs working on Project \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Total MG Project Hours for the Year \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Project Chair Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Chair Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Co-Chair/Ass’t. Chair Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Co-Chair/Ass’t. Chair Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Indicate if Co-Chairs are equal partners or Chair is leader: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Guidelines**: The Excellence in Education (EIE) Award is designed to recognize an outstanding project that demonstrates significant learning in a targeted audience(s.) The project must target one of the following groups: 1)Youth/School Program,

2) Demonstration or Research Gardens, or 3) Underserved Audience (i.e., seniors, people with disabilities, low-income families, incarcerated individuals). The project 1) must have been implemented for at least one full year, 2) should be easy for other MG programs to replicate, 3) should be practical and affordable for the intended audience, and 4) should reflect cultural aspects of the targeted audience(s) and MG program. Educational information provided for the project must be based upon University of Arkansas research; **cite the research**. All sanctioned projects are eligible except previous EIE winners and Project of the Year winners for this same sanctioned project in the last 5 years, unless substantial new results are documented and measured.

The **nomination must not exceed 800 words**. (Note that required nomination title, subheadings (to break up lengthy text passages) and image captions are NOT part of the document word count.) Please submit the following information:

1. Give a description of the project including how it started and its evolution to today, the project’s location, the need for the project, intended audience(s) and how they were identified, and project goals. List the number of MGs who worked the project and total MG project hours. Be sure to identify all project partnerships, partners’ roles and contributions to the project. (40 points)
2. Identify the project’s impacts on the intended audience(s), MG program, Extension Service and county. Explain how the project’s impacts were evaluated. Cite measurable data. (40 points)
3. Discuss the ease of replicating the project, how the project was funded and how much it cost to implement and maintain. (10 points)
4. Submit four (4) high-resolution action-oriented digital images in JPEG format embedded at the end of your nomination. Identify via captions who is in the image, the project name and site, and MG work being performed. Images should provide support, clarify and enhance the understanding of the nomination narrative. Digital images may include photos, garden planning/layout sketches, newspaper clippings, etc. (10 points)

**Winning nominations** will be presented as a short video at the AR MG State Conference, then nomination material highlights may be made available on the publicly accessible AR MG website. Please have numerous additional action-shot images available for the video. **Please note that minors and adults who have not signed photo waivers need to have their facial features blurred.**

**For guidance in writing effective entries (based in large part on judges’ comments), see Checklist for Writing an Effective Arkansas Master Gardener Nomination.**

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