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**MASTER GARDENER OF THE YEAR 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 MG Contact Submitting Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

MG Contact Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

Nominee Email Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Year Nominee became a Master Gardener:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Total Qualified Length of Service Years: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Guidelines**. This award recognizes a Master Gardener who has made an exceptional contribution to the MG program, Extension Service and county. All active Master Gardeners are eligible to be nominated for the Arkansas Master Gardener of the Year Award EXCEPT previous winners.

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 nominee’s exceptional contributions and leadership to the MG program, Extension Service and their community. Identify the nominee’s participation in activities, sanctioned and non-sanctioned projects, committee work, total number of work hours and total number of education hours, etc. (45 points)
2. Identify and explain the nominee’s impact on the MG program through the nominee’s participation in activities, projects, committees, etc. Be sure to include how the individual’s impact was evaluated. Cite measurable data. (45 points)
3. 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 photographs, 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 to enhance 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 Master Gardener Nomination.**

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