

Arkansas Master Gardener Friend of Master Gardener Award - Business or Organization Category

Submission Deadline is January 15th via email to C76RRR@gmail.com.

MG Program Name: _____

MG Program Size: 50 members or fewer _____ OR 51 members or more _____

Name of MG Contact Submitting Nomination: _____

MG Contact Email: _____ Phone: _____

Signature and Date: _____

Business or Organization Name: _____

Business or Organization Contact Name: _____

Email Address for Contact: _____

Phone Number for Contact: _____

Business or Organization Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

MG President Name: _____

President's Email: _____ Phone: _____

Signature and Date: _____

Program Extension Agent/Staff Chair Name: _____

Agent's Email: _____ Phone: _____

Signature and Date: _____

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Guidelines: This award is open to a non-Extension or non-Master Gardener business or organization which has shown outstanding support of the Master Gardener Program in your county EXCEPT those who have won in the last 5 years.

The **nomination must not exceed 500 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 how the business or organization has supported the MG program in your county/program area. (45 points)
2. Explain the business or organization's impact on the MG program, Extension Service and the county. Be sure to include how the business or organization'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 or maps, 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 for the video and website posting. **Please note that minors and adults who have not signed photo waivers need to have their facial features blurred.**

Ensure all nomination forms are completed, signed and dated before submitting.

All entries must be sent electronically with 2 attachments in one email. (Create a separate email for each award category.)

1. The completed and physically signed application form with at least 3 qualified physical signatures (page 1, which may be submitted as a PDF or image). This application form is used by RRR to verify nomination authenticity. The application form is not sent to the judges.
2. The completed, clearly labeled ([year], [category], [nominee] and [program name]) nomination, including images with captions, as a Microsoft Word or Google Doc attachment. **This nomination document is forwarded to the judges.**

RRR prefers all program nominations be submitted on the same day, to help RRR with electronic filing.

Submit nominations electronically via email to the AR MG County 76 Recruiting, Retention and Recognition (RRR) Project at C76RRR@gmail.com by January 15th.

For guidance in writing effective entries (based in large part on judges' comments), see:

1. Arkansas Master Gardener Awards Process and Deadlines.
2. Checklist for Writing an Effective Arkansas Master Gardener Nomination.