2019
Washington State University Whatcom County Extension
Master Composter & Recycler Program
Volunteer Training Application

Name: ____________________________________________
(First) (Middle) (Last) (Maiden)

Mailing Address: _______________________________________
(Street) (City) (Zip)

Phone: Day: ( ) ____________________
Eve: ( ) ____________________

Email Address: _________________________________________

Are you at least 18 years of age? YES NO

Why do you want to take this training?

Are you able to fulfill the 30 hour volunteer commitment over the next year? YES NO

Training/education completed:

☐ High school
☐ Technical/trade school (major studies)___________________________________________________
☐ 2-year community college (major studies)_______________________________________________
☐ 4-year college (major studies)_________________________________________________________
☐ Relevant degrees, training, or certifications (specify)_____________________________________

☐ WSU Master Gardener
☐ Other________________________________________________________

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What topic(s) are you most interested in learning about? (Please check all that apply)

- [ ] Composting (General)
- [ ] Cold/slow composting
- [ ] Hot/fast composting
- [ ] Worm composting
- [ ] Applying finished compost
- [ ] Soil science
- [ ] Kitchen waste diversion
- [ ] Local/global waste issues
- [ ] Garden/yard waste diversion
- [ ] Other ____________
- [ ] Zero Waste lifestyle
- [ ] Recycling (General)
- [ ] Creative ReUse/Upcycling
- [ ] Green burial
- [ ] Toxics in the home and environment

Have you or do you currently implement any of the following sustainable practices?

- [ ] Backyard composting
- [ ] Worm composting
- [ ] Composting, other: ____________
- [ ] Home gardening
- [ ] Recycling
- [ ] Upcycling
- [ ] Bulk purchasing
- [ ] Green cleaning
- [ ] Other: ____________

Please describe your composting and/or recycling experience and affiliations (any personal, volunteer, or work experience):

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

List your volunteer experience in the community:

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

Which current volunteer areas most interest you?

- [ ] Food waste educator
- [ ] Compost educator
- [ ] Worm bin manager
- [ ] Zero Waste lifestyle educator
- [ ] Neighborhood change agent
- [ ] Zero Waste event volunteer

Are you comfortable tabling at community outreach and education events?  YES  NO

Other skills, interests, or experience you could contribute to the WSU Master Composter & Recycler Program: (Please check all that apply)

- [ ] Musicianship
- [ ] Facebook contributor
- [ ] Artwork/displays
- [ ] Photography
- [ ] Drawing/illustrating
- [ ] Writing/publishing
- [ ] Instagram
- [ ] Marketing/fundraising
- [ ] Research/data collection
- [ ] Public speaking/teaching
- [ ] Translation/Interpretation
- [ ] Other ____________

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If you are able to speak, read, or write a language(s) other than English, please list: (including American Sign Language)

Any other information about your skills and abilities you would like us to have?

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### Photo/Video Release

In the event your picture is taken during a Master Composter & Recycler event, do you give WSU permission for that picture or video sequence to be used in WSU brochures, publications or websites? Please check one of the boxes below:

- **Yes - I DO** give Washington State University permission to use my photographic and/or video likeness taken during any WSU Extension Master Composter & Recycler event or anywhere I am representing WSU Extension Master Composter & Recycler Program as a Trainee, Intern, or Certified Master Composter & Recycler Volunteer, by any means and without limit for education, demonstration, and promotional purposes.

- **NO - I DO NOT** give Washington State University permission to use my photographic and/or video likeness taken during any WSU Extension Master Composter & Recycler event or anywhere I am representing WSU Extension Master Composter & Recycler Program as a Trainee, Intern, or Certified Master Composter & Recycler Volunteer, by any means and without limit for education, demonstration, and promotional purposes.

*Applicant Signature: __________________________ Date: ________________*

### Personal References

**References**: List non-family members who have knowledge of your skills, abilities, and qualifications. Individuals should have worked with you on projects and activities and/or have direct experience with or knowledge of your qualifications. Please provide complete addresses and phone numbers.

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Name: ____________________________

Relationship: __________ Home Phone: ________ Work Phone: ________ Email: ________

Address: _______________________

(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

I authorize Washington State University Extension to contact the listed references and understand that a criminal background check will be completed prior to final consideration of my application to volunteer. I understand that misrepresentation or omission of required information is just cause for non-appointment as a volunteer with Washington State University Extension. I understand that I serve at the pleasure of the Washington State University Extension and agree to abide by the policies of Washington State University Extension and individual program areas and to fulfill the volunteer responsibilities to the best of my ability.

Signature: __________ Date: ________

Payment

☐ I am submitting the $75 training fee with my application.

Check/Cash only. Checks payable to: WSU Whatcom County Extension

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PART B: Background Check

Background Disclosure – this information is required of ALL potential volunteers in WSU Extension Programs and is kept confidential and in a locked cabinet in your local extension office. Please note that a background check may be conducted on all potential volunteers.

Name: ____________________________

(First) (Middle) (Last) (Maiden)

Former Name(s) Legal or Preferred Name(s)

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY) Driver’s License Number/State

Answer YES or NO to each listed item. If the answer is YES to any item, please explain in the area provided, indicating the charge or finding, the date, and the court(s) involved.

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or a felony?

☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please give date, nature, and disposition of offense.

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Have you ever been convicted of a crime(s) against children or other persons?

☐ Yes  ☐ No  If yes, please give date, nature, and disposition of offense.

Have you ever been convicted of a crime(s) relating to financial exploitation if the victim was a vulnerable adult?

☐ Yes  ☐ No  If yes, please give date, nature, and disposition of offense.

Have you ever been convicted of a crime(s) related to drugs?

☐ Yes  ☐ No  If yes, please give date, nature, and disposition of offense.

Have you ever been found in any dependency action under RCW 13.34.040 to have sexually assaulted or exploited any minor or to have physically abused any minor?

☐ Yes  ☐ No  If yes, please give date, nature, and disposition of offense.

Have you ever been found by a court in a domestic relations proceeding under Title 26 RCW to have sexually abused or exploited any minor or to have physically abused any minor?

☐ Yes  ☐ No  If yes, please give date, nature, and disposition of offense.

Have you ever been found in any disciplinary board final decision to have sexually or physically abused or exploited any minor or developmentally disabled person or to have abused or financially exploited any vulnerable adult?

☐ Yes  ☐ No  If yes, please give date, nature, and disposition of offense.

Have you ever been found by a court in a protection proceeding under chapter 74.34 RCW, to have abused or financially exploited a vulnerable adult?

☐ Yes  ☐ No  If yes, please give date, nature, and disposition of offense.

Please note: A criminal record will be considered as it relates to specifics of the volunteer position for which you are applying. A criminal record may prevent an individual from volunteering, depending on the nature of the offense.

State Law Requirements:
The Washington State Child and Adult Abuse Information Law (RCW 43.43.830-.845) requires employers ask applicants to disclose specific information about any convictions for crimes against persons, crimes relating to financial exploitation, and findings in related actions and proceedings. This conviction information must be disclosed before an applicant can be considered for employment in any position which may involve unsupervised access to children, developmentally disabled persons, or vulnerable adults as defined by the law.

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I, ______________________, hereby authorize Washington State University to investigate my background for purposes of evaluating whether I am qualified for a position with duties involving unsupervised access to children under the age of sixteen and vulnerable adults as defined in the Revised Code of Washington 43.43.840–43.43.845. I understand that Washington State University will utilize an outside firm(s) to assist them in checking such information, and I specifically authorize such an investigation by information services and outside entities of the company’s choice. I also understand that I may not withhold my permission and that in such case, no investigation will be done, and my application will not be processed further.

**Certification of Criminal History Outside of the State of Washington**

I certify, under penalty of perjury that I have not been convicted of any of the above listed crimes or had findings against me concerning that above listed proceedings outside of the State of Washington.

Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: __________________________

**Email completed application to**

WSU Master Composter & Recycler Coordinator
beth.chisholm@wsu.edu

**OR**

**Mail/hand-deliver application & payment to:**

WSU Whatcom County Extension
1000 N Forest St, Ste 201
Bellingham, WA 98225

Office hours: Monday-Friday

Please remember to mail or deliver payment.
8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. / 1 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.