

2022 Arkansas Master Gardener Awards

The 2022 Arkansas Master Gardener Award nomination forms are available on the state website: <https://www.uaex.uada.edu/yard-garden/master-gardeners/awards.aspx>

Important Dates

The deadline to submit 2022 nominations is **Sunday, January 15, 2023**.

Awards will be presented during the 2023 Arkansas Master Gardener (MG) State Conference hosted by Pope County MGs in Russellville from June 8 through 10, 2023. The Awards video presentation will also be placed on the publicly accessible Arkansas Master Gardener website.

Award Nomination Categories

Each MG program is allowed only ONE nomination per award category.

The award categories are:

1. Rookie of the Year
2. Mimi Cox Mentor of the Year (*new for 2022*)
3. Master Gardener of the Year
4. Extension Agent of the Year
5. Newsletter of the Year
6. Excellence in Education
7. Friend of Master Gardeners - Individual
8. Friend of Master Gardeners - Business or Organization
9. Project of the Year

Two awards will be given for each award category based on the MG program's membership size: 50 members or fewer or 51 members or more.

Award Nomination Process

Write your nominations based on the guidelines and the specifically requested information for each award.

Nominations will be sent to a panel of qualified judges selected by the County 76 Recruiting, Retention and Recognition (RRR) Project. Judges' decisions will be final.

How to Complete and Submit Nominations

Send all nomination narratives, including measures used to evaluate the nominee's impact, as a Microsoft Word or Google Docs file with the prescribed title format (shown below) at the top of the nomination and up to 4 high-resolution action-oriented JPEG images, with captions, embedded at the end of the nomination. Use a standard typeface in 12-point type.

2022 Arkansas Master Gardener – [Category] of the Year Nomination
[Nominee Name]
Submitted by the [Name] County Master Gardeners [indicate (50- OR 51+ members)]

Action-oriented images should provide support, clarify and enhance the understanding of the nomination narrative. Include captions that identify the MGs (and MG partners) and the MG work being done. *Nominations with more digital images than requested will be returned as ineligible.* (Keep your additional images, newspaper articles, plan drawings, etc., handy for use in winning nomination videos.)

Nominations that exceed the word limit (word count limit is indicated in each nomination application guideline) will be returned as ineligible. (Note that the required nomination title is not part of the document word count.)

Nomination forms without a County Agent's or current MG President's physical signature will be returned as ineligible.

Submit nominations electronically via email to the County 76 Recruiting, Retention & Recognition (RRR) Project at c76rrr@gmail.com by Sunday, January 15, 2023.

ALL entries must be sent with 2 attachments in one email. Send separate emails for each award category.

1. The completed and physically signed application form (may be submitted as a PDF or image). The application form is used by RRR to verify nomination authenticity; the application form is not sent to the judges.
2. The completed, clearly labeled (2022 [category], [nominee] and [county]) nomination form, including up to 4 embedded images with captions, as a Microsoft Word or Google Doc attachment. **This nomination document is forwarded to the judges.**

RRR prefers you submit all of your MG program's nominations electronically via email on the same day.

Questions or Clarifications

If you have any questions regarding the nomination forms or the process, please contact the Master Gardener State office at 501-671-2231 or email RRR at c76rrr@gmail.com.

Good luck! We look forward to receiving your nominations to honor your MG program's outstanding work.

County 76 RRR Project Team