

**Arkansas Master Gardener
Excellence in Education Award**
Submission Deadline is Friday, January 14, 2022

MG Program Name: _____

Size of Program: 50 members or less _____ 51 members or more _____

Name of Project Nominated: _____

Date of Project Inception: _____

Targeted Audience/Number of Participants: _____

Number of MG Working on the Project _____ Total Hours Worked on Project _____

Project Chairperson Name: _____

Project Chairperson Email Address: _____

Project Chairperson Phone Number: _____

MG President: _____

MG President Email Address: _____

MG President Phone Number: _____

County Extension Agent: _____

Agent's Email Address: _____

Agent's Phone Number: _____

**County Extension Agent or
MG President Signature:** _____

Date of Signature _____

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Guidelines. The Excellence in Education (EIE) Award is designed to recognize an outstanding project that demonstrates significant learning of a targeted audience. Horticulture related education should be the focus of the project. 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 must have been implemented for one full year. The project should be easy for other MG programs to replicate. The project should be practical and affordable for the intended audience and should reflect the cultural aspects of the community and MG program. Educational information provided by the project should be University research based. Previously winning EIE projects are not eligible.

Please submit the information:

1. Give a description (400 words or less) of the project; its location, the need for the project, the target audience and how they were identified, project goals and how the project was funded. (40 points)
2. Explain (400 words or less) how this project augmented the target audience's learning (e.g., increased knowledge, skills, attitudes and/or changed practices) to enhance the quality of life for the intended audience. Explain how the project's success was evaluated. (40 points)
3. Discuss the ease of replicating the project and identify all partnerships and their contributions to the project. (300 words or less). (15 points)
4. **Submit a maximum of four (4) digital images in JPEG format** for use in judging. Photos should provide support, clarify and/or enhance the understanding of the nomination. Digital images may include photographs, newspaper clippings, etc. (5 points)

The chairperson or a designee of the winning Excellence in Education project in each size category MAY be asked to give a PowerPoint presentation at the P-N-G Leadership Conference. Master Gardener programs with a winning project in each size category presented at P-N-G Leadership Conference will receive \$100 to help defray the cost of presenting. These funds will be processed following the P-N-G Leadership Conference.

To ease the judging process please make certain all nomination forms are completed, signed and dated. All program nominations should be submitted together at one time.