**Arkansas Master Gardener Excellence in Education Award**

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 Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

MG Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Project Inception Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Targeted Audience(s)/Number of Participants: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Number of MGs working on Project \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Total MG Project Hours for the Year \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Project Chairperson Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Project Chairperson Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Project Chairperson Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

MG President Name:­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

MG President Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

MG President Phone Number:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Program Extension Agent Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Agent’s Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Agent’s Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Program Extension Agent or**

**MG President Signature**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Arkansas Master Gardener Excellence in Education Award**

**Guidelines**: The Excellence in Education (EIE) Award is designed to recognize an outstanding project that demonstrates significant learning in a targeted audience(s.) 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 at least 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 cultural aspects of the targeted audience(s) and MG program. Educational information provided for the project must be based upon University of Arkansas research; cite the research. All sanctioned projects EXCEPT a) previous EIE winners are ineligible, and b) Project of the Year winners for this same sanctioned project in the last 5 years are ineligible unless substantial new results are documented and measured.

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 project including how it started and its evolution to today, the project’s location, the need for the project, intended audience(s) and how they were identified, and project goals. List the number of MGs who worked the project and total MG project hours. Be sure to identify all project partnerships, partners’ roles and contributions to the project. (40 points)
2. Identify the project’s impacts on the intended audience(s), MG program, Extension Service and county. Explain how the project’s impacts were evaluated. Cite measurable data. (40 points)
3. Discuss the ease of replicating the project, how the project was funded and how much it cost to implement and maintain. (10 points)
4. Submit a maximum of 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 photos, garden planning/layout sketches, newspaper clippings, etc. (10 points)

**Winning nominations** will be presented as a video at the AR MG State Conference, then made available statewide. The video requires an approximately 300-word script, which will be taken from the nomination. Please have numerous additional action-shot images available for the video.

**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 (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 form, 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.

**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 Cover Letter.
2. Checklist for Writing an Effective Arkansas Master Gardener Nomination.