

Application Instructions/How to Apply

- Read all of the information on this webpage: "Become a Master Gardener"
- By clicking on the link provided, or scanning the QR code, you will be directed to My Impact/Better Impact system to fill out your application.
- Start by filling in your information on the left side of the page if you are new to Better Impact. **You will create your own Username and password. Please remember your log in information. If accepted, you will need this in the future.**
- Please fill in your information. The fields marked with a flag are required fields. Click Save and Continue.
- Note: For Date of Birth: Do not use calendar. Type in mm/dd/yyyy.
- Click SUBMIT once you have **completed** the application.
- Ask two people (friends, coworkers, etc. Do NOT use family members as a reference). Reference names will be listed on your application.
- **The cost of the course is \$175.** In addition to the classes, this includes a digital copy of the Master Gardener Handbook and a digital copy of the Pest Management Guide (PMG), and the cost of the required background check (many of our service activities involve school-age children). (Background check: \$12.50 - this is not refundable). **If you wish to have a hard copy of the 600+ page Handbook, please add an additional \$33.60.**
- Payment for HCMGA Master Gardener Training Classes should be mailed to **HCMGA, PO Box 2275, Lynchburg, VA 24505. Make checks payable to HCMGA.**
- You should receive an email verifying that your application has been submitted.
- **NOTE:** Application submission and payment do NOT guarantee acceptance. Once your application has been reviewed, a background check will be done and references will be contacted. You will be notified once you have been accepted.
- **If you have any questions, please text Debbie Morris at 434-238-0589 or email at dmorris1220@gmail.com.**
- As listed above, the deadline for application submission is January 17, 2023 and payment deadline is January 31, 2023.