



Application: Assistant Guru or Garden Guru

*Return completed applications to:
Growing Places | 325 Lindell Avenue | Leominster, MA 01453*

Date: ___ / ___ / 20 ___

Name: _____

Gender (optional): Male Female Other

Address: _____ Apt. or Unit # _____

Preferred method(s) of contact: home phone

City _____ State _____ Zip: _____

mobile phone

Home Phone Number: (____) _____ - _____

email

Mobile Phone Number: (____) _____ - _____

texting

Email: _____

texting not ok

Preferred Language to speak/ read: _____

Please check the volunteer position(s) you are interested in:

Garden Guru

Assistant Guru

How did you hear about Growing Places? _____

Employment: unemployed full time part time retired other: _____

During the course of the growing season (April – October), when would you be available to volunteer with us? Reminder:

Gurus and Asst. Gurus are asked to commit about 1.5 hours biweekly to instruct a Teaching Garden class.

weekdays

weeknights

weekends

(M-F, between 8am and 5pm)

(M-F, between 5pm and 8pm)

(Sa-Su, between 8am and 8pm)

Are there any times when you would be unavailable to volunteer (e.g. a planned vacation or educational commitment)?

To which of the following towns that Growing Places serves would you be willing to travel?

Fitchburg

Leominster

Clinton

Gardner

Check all types of vegetable gardening or gardening-related activities with which you have experience.

raised bed gardening

in-ground gardening

traditional row planting

square-foot method

container gardening

seed starting

seed saving

food preservation

composting or vermiculture

How many years of vegetable gardening experience do you have?

0 - 2 years

3 - 5 years

6 - 10 years

11 – 20 years

more than 20 years!

Why is vegetable gardening important to you?

Why do you want to be a Guru or Assistant Guru with Growing Places?

Take a moment to consider the following possible scenario:

In a community garden hosting one of our Teaching Gardens, a community gardener not associated with Growing Places has been sorely neglecting his plot. The weeds are growing over and going to seed. Pests are finding shelter in the overgrowth and spreading to nearby plots. Produce is falling to the ground, rotten.

Naturally, the gardeners in your Teaching Garden class are upset about this development and its effects on their garden plots. They are calling for the neglectful gardener's plot to be completely cleared out and the gardener informed that he has been kicked out of the garden. They turn to Growing Places for a response.

As a Guru and GP representative, what might you say or do? Bear in mind, GP staff is available to support you during Teaching Garden lessons.

Growing Places keeps all information private and confidential. Please review the job description attached. By signing below, you agree to accept the responsibilities of a Garden Mentor if approved.

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Growing Places!

Applicant Signature

Date

Demographic Information: The following questions are optional and for internal purposes only. Your information will be kept confidential and is used anonymously for statistical and grant reporting purposes only. Your responses will not affect your chances of being accepted as a Garden Mentor. Thank you.

1. Race:

- Black or African American
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- Native American or Alaska Native
- Caucasian
- Other _____

2. Ethnicity:

- Spanish/Hispanic/Latino
- Non-Hispanic/Latino
- Other: _____

3. Marital Status:

- Married
- Single
- Separated
- Cohabiting
- Divorced
- Widowed