

2022 Arkansas Master Gardener Rookie of the Year Award

Submission Deadline is Sunday, January 15, 2023

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: _____

Nominee Name: _____

Nominee Email Address: _____

Nominee Phone Number: _____

Month and Year Nominee completed Master Gardener basic training: _____

MG President Name: _____

MG President Email Address: _____

MG President Phone Number: _____

County Extension Agent Name: _____

Agent's Email Address: _____

Agent's Phone Number: _____

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

Date of Signature: _____

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Guidelines: This award recognizes a Rookie (first year) Master Gardener who has provided outstanding volunteer service to the MG program, Extension Service and county. This award is open to Master Gardeners who have finished their MG basic training and completed their first-year membership certification requirements of 40 work hours and 20 education hours within 12 months of their basic training.

The **nomination must not exceed 800 words**. Please submit the following information:

1. Give a description of the nominee's impact on the Master Gardener program, explaining the nominee's outstanding service, leadership, and overall involvement/participation benefiting the MG program, Extension Service and the community. Identify the nominee's participation in activities, sanctioned and non-sanctioned projects, committee work, total number of work hours and total number of education hours, etc. (45 points)
2. Explain how the nominee's outstanding contributions have impacted the MG program, Extension Service and the county. Be sure to include how the nominee's impact was evaluated. (45 points)
3. 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 photographs, 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 approximate 300-word script, which will be taken from the nomination. Please have numerous additional action-shot images available to enhance the video.

Recipients of the Rookie of the Year award who register and attend the Arkansas MG State Conference will receive funds to help defray the cost of the conference registration fee, up to but no more than \$100. These funds will be processed following the Arkansas MG State Conference.

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 (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 (2022 [category], [nominee] and [county]) 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.

For guidance in writing effective entries (based in large part on judges' comments), see:

1. 2022 Arkansas Master Gardener Awards cover letter.
2. Checklist for Writing an Effective 2022 Arkansas Master Gardener Nomination.