

## Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code

Use the instructions to complete this application and for a definition of all **bold** items. For additional help, call IRS Exempt Organizations Customer Account Services toll-free at 1-877-829-5500. Visit our website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) for forms and publications. If the required information and documents are not submitted with payment of the appropriate user fee, the application may be returned to you.

Attach additional sheets to this application if you need more space to answer fully. Put your name and EIN on each sheet and identify each answer by Part and line number. Complete Parts I - XI of Form 1023 and submit only those Schedules (A through H) that apply to you.

### Part I Identification of Applicant

<b>1</b> Full name of organization (exactly as it appears in your organizing document) <i>NC MASTER GARDENERS VOLUNTEERS ASSOCIATION</i>	<b>2</b> c/o Name (if applicable) <i>N/A</i>
<b>3</b> Mailing address (Number and street) (see instructions) <i>1649 HAITOWD RD</i>	<b>4</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <i>57-1724754</i>
City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 <i>JACKSONVILLE, N.C. 28546</i>	<b>5</b> Month the annual accounting period ends (01 - 12) <i>DEC</i>
<b>6</b> Primary contact (officer, director, trustee, or authorized representative) a Name: <i>BARBARA WAITERS</i>	b Phone: <i>910-346-3743</i> c Fax: (optional)
<b>7</b> Are you represented by an authorized representative, such as an attorney or accountant? If "Yes," provide the authorized representative's name, and the name and address of the authorized representative's firm. Include a completed Form 2848, <i>Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative</i> , with your application if you would like us to communicate with your representative.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>8</b> Was a person who is not one of your officers, directors, trustees, employees, or an authorized representative listed in line 7, paid, or promised payment, to help plan, manage, or advise you about the structure or activities of your organization, or about your financial or tax matters? If "Yes," provide the person's name, the name and address of the person's firm, the amounts paid or promised to be paid, and describe that person's role.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>9a</b> Organization's website: <i>NC MASTERGARDENERS.ORG</i>	
<b>b</b> Organization's email: (optional) <i>BARBIE@EC.RR.COM</i>	
<b>10</b> Certain organizations are not required to file an information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ). If you are granted tax-exemption, are you claiming to be excused from filing Form 990 or Form 990-EZ? If "Yes," explain. See the instructions for a description of organizations not required to file Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. <i>WILL BE UNDER THE \$25,000 LIMIT - WILL FILE 990.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>11</b> Date incorporated if a corporation, or formed, if other than a corporation. (MM/DD/YYYY) <i>08/22/2008</i>	
<b>12</b> Were you formed under the laws of a foreign country? If "Yes," state the country.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Part II Organizational Structure**

You must be a corporation (including a limited liability company), an unincorporated association, or a trust to be tax exempt. (See instructions.) **DO NOT file this form unless you can check "Yes" on lines 1, 2, 3, or 4.**

- 1 Are you a **corporation**? If "Yes," attach a copy of your articles of incorporation showing **certification of filing** with the appropriate state agency. Include copies of any amendments to your articles and be sure they also show state filing certification.  Yes  No
- 2 Are you a **limited liability company (LLC)**? If "Yes," attach a copy of your articles of organization showing certification of filing with the appropriate state agency. Also, if you adopted an operating agreement, attach a copy. Include copies of any amendments to your articles and be sure they show state filing certification. Refer to the instructions for circumstances when an LLC should not file its own exemption application.  Yes  No
- 3 Are you an **unincorporated association**? If "Yes," attach a copy of your articles of association, constitution, or other similar organizing document that is dated and includes at least two signatures. Include signed and dated copies of any amendments.  Yes  No
- 4a Are you a **trust**? If "Yes," attach a signed and dated copy of your trust agreement. Include signed and dated copies of any amendments.  Yes  No
- b Have you been funded? If "No," explain how you are formed without anything of value placed in trust.  Yes  No
- 5 Have you adopted **bylaws**? If "Yes," attach a current copy showing date of adoption. If "No," explain how your officers, directors, or trustees are selected.  Yes  No

**Part III Required Provisions in Your Organizing Document**

The following questions are designed to ensure that when you file this application, your organizing document contains the required provisions to meet the organizational test under section 501(c)(3). Unless you can check the boxes in both lines 1 and 2, your organizing document does not meet the organizational test. **DO NOT file this application until you have amended your organizing document.** Submit your original and amended organizing documents (showing state filing certification if you are a corporation or an LLC) with your application.

- 1 Section 501(c)(3) requires that your organizing document state your exempt purpose(s), such as charitable, religious, educational, and/or scientific purposes. Check the box to confirm that your organizing document meets this requirement. Describe specifically where your organizing document meets this requirement, such as a reference to a particular article or section in your organizing document. Refer to the instructions for exempt purpose language. Location of Purpose Clause (Page, Article, and Paragraph): Page 1 - Article IV - paragraph C
- 2a Section 501(c)(3) requires that upon dissolution of your organization, your remaining assets must be used exclusively for exempt purposes, such as charitable, religious, educational, and/or scientific purposes. Check the box on line 2a to confirm that your organizing document meets this requirement by express provision for the distribution of assets upon dissolution. If you rely on state law for your dissolution provision, do not check the box on line 2a and go to line 2c.
- 2b If you checked the box on line 2a, specify the location of your dissolution clause (Page, Article, and Paragraph). Do not complete line 2c if you checked box 2a. page 5 - Article X - Paragraph A
- 2c See the instructions for information about the operation of state law in your particular state. Check this box if you rely on operation of state law for your dissolution provision and indicate the state: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part IV Narrative Description of Your Activities**

Using an attachment, describe your *past, present, and planned* activities in a narrative. If you believe that you have already provided some of this information in response to other parts of this application, you may summarize that information here and refer to the specific parts of the application for supporting details. You may also attach representative copies of newsletters, brochures, or similar documents for supporting details to this narrative. Remember that if this application is approved, it will be open for public inspection. Therefore, your narrative description of activities should be thorough and accurate. Refer to the instructions for information that must be included in your description.

**Part V Compensation and Other Financial Arrangements With Your Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, and Independent Contractors**

1a List the names, titles, and mailing addresses of all of your officers, directors, and trustees. For each person listed, state their total annual **compensation**, or proposed compensation, for all services to the organization, whether as an officer, employee, or other position. Use actual figures, if available. Enter "none" if no compensation is or will be paid. If additional space is needed, attach a separate sheet. Refer to the instructions for information on what to include as compensation.

Name	Title	Mailing address	Compensation amount (annual actual or estimated)
Shirley Waggoner/Eisenman	PRES	PO Box 312 Shallotte, NC 28459	None
BOB KELLAM	PRES Elect	731 N. Rogers Ln RAleigh, NC 27610	None
George Quigley	Vice Pres	616 Blinnell Cir STEDMAN, NC 28391	None
BRENDA BEAUFORT	Recording Secretary	222 Wilkerson Court HOOKERSVILLE, NC 28117	None
Dr. Gloria Polakoff	Corresponding Secretary	16...Pink...Lake...De Whispering Pines, NC 28327	None
BARBARA WALTERS	Treasurer	1649 Halltown Rd JACKSONVILLE, NC 28541	None

NC MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION  
EIN # 57-1724754

Purpose:

Stated in our By-Laws Page 1 – Article II- Paragraph A thru E

Past and Present:

Each year the NC Master Gardener Volunteer Association is instrumental in financially supporting a conference. These conferences are held in various counties in the state and consist of two (2) days of advanced training for Master Gardeners. The training comes from Professors, Agents or other instructors with specialized areas of expertise.

The NCMGCA also gives awards to outstanding Master Gardeners nominated from throughout the state acknowledging their personal participation; awards county associations for their work on behalf of their communities such as, designing and developing Arboretums, community gardens and/or educational gardens for schools.

We do publish a newsletter written by and for Master Gardeners in the state of NC on a quarterly basis which is sent to all members of the association at no charge other than their membership fee.

Future:

Our plans in the future are to award scholarships to individuals who show a personal interest in agriculture.

As we are yet a new and growing organization, the awarding of scholarships may be many years to come.

**Part V Compensation and Other Financial Arrangements With Your Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, and Independent Contractors (Continued)**

b List the names, titles, and mailing addresses of each of your five highest compensated employees who receive or will receive compensation of more than \$50,000 per year. Use the actual figure, if available. Refer to the instructions for information on what to include as compensation. Do not include officers, directors, or trustees listed in line 1a.

Name	Title	Mailing address	Compensation amount (annual actual or estimated)
N/A			

c List the names, names of businesses, and mailing addresses of your five highest compensated independent contractors that receive or will receive compensation of more than \$50,000 per year. Use the actual figure, if available. Refer to the instructions for information on what to include as compensation.

Name	Title	Mailing address	Compensation amount (annual actual or estimated)
N/A			

The following "Yes" or "No" questions relate to *past, present, or planned* relationships, transactions, or agreements with your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, and 1c.

- 2a Are any of your officers, directors, or trustees **related** to each other through **family or business relationships**? If "Yes," identify the individuals and explain the relationship.  Yes  No
- b Do you have a business relationship with any of your officers, directors, or trustees other than through their position as an officer, director, or trustee? If "Yes," identify the individuals and describe the business relationship with each of your officers, directors, or trustees.  Yes  No
- c Are any of your officers, directors, or trustees related to your highest compensated employees or highest compensated independent contractors listed on lines 1b or 1c through family or business relationships? If "Yes," identify the individuals and explain the relationship.  Yes  No
- 3a For each of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed on lines 1a, 1b, or 1c, attach a list showing their name, qualifications, average hours worked, and duties.  Yes  No
- b Do any of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed on lines 1a, 1b, or 1c receive compensation from any other organizations, whether tax exempt or taxable, that are related to you through **common control**? If "Yes," identify the individuals, explain the relationship between you and the other organization, and describe the compensation arrangement.  Yes  No
- 4 In establishing the compensation for your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed on lines 1a, 1b, and 1c, the following practices are recommended, although they are not required to obtain exemption. Answer "Yes" to all the practices you use.  Yes  No

  - a Do you or will the individuals that approve compensation arrangements follow a conflict of interest policy?  Yes  No
  - b Do you or will you approve compensation arrangements in advance of paying compensation?  Yes  No
  - c Do you or will you document in writing the date and terms of approved compensation arrangements?  Yes  No

**Part V Compensation and Other Financial Arrangements With Your Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, and Independent Contractors (Continued)**

N/A

- d Do you or will you record in writing the decision made by each individual who decided or voted on compensation arrangements?  Yes  No
- e Do you or will you approve compensation arrangements based on information about compensation paid by **similarly situated** taxable or tax-exempt organizations for similar services, current compensation surveys compiled by independent firms, or actual written offers from similarly situated organizations? Refer to the instructions for Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c, for information on what to include as compensation.  Yes  No
- f Do you or will you record in writing both the information on which you relied to base your decision and its source?  Yes  No
- g If you answered "No" to any item on lines 4a through 4f, describe how you set compensation that is **reasonable** for your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed in Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c.  Yes  No

- 5a Have you adopted a **conflict of interest policy** consistent with the sample conflict of interest policy in Appendix A to the instructions? If "Yes," provide a copy of the policy and explain how the policy has been adopted, such as by resolution of your governing board. If "No," answer lines 5b and 5c.  Yes  No
  - b What procedures will you follow to assure that persons who have a conflict of interest will not have influence over you for setting their own compensation?  Yes  No
  - c What procedures will you follow to assure that persons who have a conflict of interest will not have influence over you regarding business deals with themselves?  Yes  No
- Note:** A conflict of interest policy is recommended though it is not required to obtain exemption. Hospitals, see Schedule C, Section I, line 14.

N/A

- 6a Do you or will you compensate any of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, or 1c through **non-fixed payments**, such as discretionary bonuses or revenue-based payments? If "Yes," describe all non-fixed compensation arrangements, including how the amounts are determined, who is eligible for such arrangements, whether you place a limitation on total compensation, and how you determine or will determine that you pay no more than reasonable compensation for services. Refer to the instructions for Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c, for information on what to include as compensation.  Yes  No
- b Do you or will you compensate any of your employees, other than your officers, directors, trustees, or your five highest compensated employees who receive or will receive compensation of more than \$50,000 per year, through non-fixed payments, such as discretionary bonuses or revenue-based payments? If "Yes," describe all non-fixed compensation arrangements, including how the amounts are or will be determined, who is or will be eligible for such arrangements, whether you place or will place a limitation on total compensation, and how you determine or will determine that you pay no more than reasonable compensation for services. Refer to the instructions for Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c, for information on what to include as compensation.  Yes  No

N/A

N/A

- 7a Do you or will you purchase any goods, services, or assets from any of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, or highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, or 1c? If "Yes," describe any such purchase that you made or intend to make, from whom you make or will make such purchases, how the terms are or will be negotiated at **arm's length**, and explain how you determine or will determine that you pay no more than **fair market value**. Attach copies of any written contracts or other agreements relating to such purchases.  Yes  No
- b Do you or will you sell any goods, services, or assets to any of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, or highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, or 1c? If "Yes," describe any such sales that you made or intend to make, to whom you make or will make such sales, how the terms are or will be negotiated at arm's length, and explain how you determine or will determine you are or will be paid at least fair market value. Attach copies of any written contracts or other agreements relating to such sales.  Yes  No

N/A

N/A

- 8a Do you or will you have any leases, contracts, loans, or other agreements with your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, or highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, or 1c? If "Yes," provide the information requested in lines 8b through 8f.  Yes  No
- b Describe any written or oral arrangements that you made or intend to make.
- c Identify with whom you have or will have such arrangements.
- d Explain how the terms are or will be negotiated at arm's length.
- e Explain how you determine you pay no more than fair market value or you are paid at least fair market value.
- f Attach copies of any signed leases, contracts, loans, or other agreements relating to such arrangements.

N/A

- 9a Do you or will you have any leases, contracts, loans, or other agreements with any organization in which any of your officers, directors, or trustees are also officers, directors, or trustees, or in which any individual officer, director, or trustee owns more than a 35% interest? If "Yes," provide the information requested in lines 9b through 9f.  Yes  No

**Part V Compensation and Other Financial Arrangements With Your Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, and Independent Contractors (Continued)**

- b Describe any written or oral arrangements you made or intend to make.
- c Identify with whom you have or will have such arrangements.
- d Explain how the terms are or will be negotiated at arm's length.
- e Explain how you determine or will determine you pay no more than fair market value or that you are paid at least fair market value.
- f Attach a copy of any signed leases, contracts, loans, or other agreements relating to such arrangements.

N/A

**Part VI Your Members and Other Individuals and Organizations That Receive Benefits From You**

The following "Yes" or "No" questions relate to goods, services, and funds you provide to individuals and organizations as part of your activities. Your answers should pertain to *past, present, and planned* activities. (See instructions.)

- 1a In carrying out your exempt purposes, do you provide goods, services, or funds to individuals? If "Yes," describe each program that provides goods, services, or funds to individuals.  Yes  No
- b In carrying out your exempt purposes, do you provide goods, services, or funds to organizations? If "Yes," describe each program that provides goods, services, or funds to organizations.  Yes  No
- 2 Do any of your programs limit the provision of goods, services, or funds to a specific individual or group of specific individuals? For example, answer "Yes," if goods, services, or funds are provided only for a particular individual, your members, individuals who work for a particular employer, or graduates of a particular school. If "Yes," explain the limitation and how recipients are selected for each program.  Yes  No  
*Limited Foods set aside in Budget for Awards*
- 3 Do any individuals who receive goods, services, or funds through your programs have a family or business relationship with any officer, director, trustee, or with any of your highest compensated employees or highest compensated independent contractors listed in Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c? If "Yes," explain how these related individuals are eligible for goods, services, or funds.  Yes  No

**Part VII Your History**

The following "Yes" or "No" questions relate to your history. (See instructions.)

- 1 Are you a **successor** to another organization? Answer "Yes," if you have taken or will take over the activities of another organization; you took over 25% or more of the fair market value of the net assets of another organization; or you were established upon the conversion of an organization from for-profit to non-profit status. If "Yes," complete Schedule G.  Yes  No
- 2 Are you submitting this application more than 27 months after the end of the month in which you were legally formed? If "Yes," complete Schedule E.  Yes  No

**Part VIII Your Specific Activities**

The following "Yes" or "No" questions relate to specific activities that you may conduct. Check the appropriate box. Your answers should pertain to *past, present, and planned* activities. (See instructions.)

- 1 Do you support or oppose candidates in **political campaigns** in any way? If "Yes," explain.  Yes  No
- 2a Do you attempt to **influence legislation**? If "Yes," explain how you attempt to influence legislation and complete line 2b. If "No," go to line 3a.  Yes  No
- b Have you made or are you making an **election** to have your legislative activities measured by expenditures by filing Form 5768? If "Yes," attach a copy of the Form 5768 that was already filed or attach a completed Form 5768 that you are filing with this application. If "No," describe whether your attempts to influence legislation are a substantial part of your activities. Include the time and money spent on your attempts to influence legislation as compared to your total activities.  Yes  No
- 3a Do you or will you operate bingo or **gaming** activities? If "Yes," describe who conducts them, and list all revenue received or expected to be received and expenses paid or expected to be paid in operating these activities. **Revenue and expenses** should be provided for the time periods specified in Part IX, Financial Data.  Yes  No
- b Do you or will you enter into contracts or other agreements with individuals or organizations to conduct bingo or gaming for you? If "Yes," describe any written or oral arrangements that you made or intend to make, identify with whom you have or will have such arrangements, explain how the terms are or will be negotiated at arm's length, and explain how you determine or will determine you pay no more than fair market value or you will be paid at least fair market value. Attach copies or any written contracts or other agreements relating to such arrangements.  Yes  No
- c List the states and local jurisdictions, including Indian Reservations, in which you conduct or will conduct gaming or bingo.  Yes  No

N/A

Part VIII Your Specific Activities (Continued)

4a Do you or will you undertake fundraising? If "Yes," check all the fundraising programs you do or will conduct. (See instructions.)

- mail solicitations, phone solicitations, email solicitations, accept donations on your website, personal solicitations, receive donations from another organization's website, vehicle, boat, plane, or similar donations, government grant solicitations, foundation grant solicitations, Other

Attach a description of each fundraising program.

b Do you or will you have written or oral contracts with any individuals or organizations to raise funds for you? If "Yes," describe these activities. Include all revenue and expenses from these activities and state who conducts them. Revenue and expenses should be provided for the time periods specified in Part IX, Financial Data. Also, attach a copy of any contracts or agreements.

c Do you or will you engage in fundraising activities for other organizations? If "Yes," describe these arrangements. Include a description of the organizations for which you raise funds and attach copies of all contracts or agreements.

d List all states and local jurisdictions in which you conduct fundraising. For each state or local jurisdiction listed, specify whether you fundraise for your own organization, you fundraise for another organization, or another organization fundraises for you. State of NC own organization

e Do you or will you maintain separate accounts for any contributor under which the contributor has the right to advise on the use or distribution of funds? Answer "Yes" if the donor may provide advice on the types of investments, distributions from the types of investments, or the distribution from the donor's contribution account. If "Yes," describe this program, including the type of advice that may be provided and submit copies of any written materials provided to donors.

5 Are you affiliated with a governmental unit? If "Yes," explain. NC STATE University

6a Do you or will you engage in economic development? If "Yes," describe your program.
b Describe in full who benefits from your economic development activities and how the activities promote exempt purposes.

7a Do or will persons other than your employees or volunteers develop your facilities? If "Yes," describe each facility, the role of the developer, and any business or family relationship(s) between the developer and your officers, directors, or trustees.

b Do or will persons other than your employees or volunteers manage your activities or facilities? If "Yes," describe each activity and facility, the role of the manager, and any business or family relationship(s) between the manager and your officers, directors, or trustees.

c If there is a business or family relationship between any manager or developer and your officers, directors, or trustees, identify the individuals, explain the relationship, describe how contracts are negotiated at arm's length so that you pay no more than fair market value, and submit a copy of any contracts or other agreements.

8 Do you or will you enter into joint ventures, including partnerships or limited liability companies treated as partnerships, in which you share profits and losses with partners other than section 501(c)(3) organizations? If "Yes," describe the activities of these joint ventures in which you participate.

9a Are you applying for exemption as a childcare organization under section 501(k)? If "Yes," answer lines 9b through 9d. If "No," go to line 10.

b Do you provide child care so that parents or caretakers of children you care for can be gainfully employed (see instructions)? If "No," explain how you qualify as a childcare organization described in section 501(k).

c Of the children for whom you provide child care, are 85% or more of them cared for by you to enable their parents or caretakers to be gainfully employed (see instructions)? If "No," explain how you qualify as a childcare organization described in section 501(k).

d Are your services available to the general public? If "No," describe the specific group of people for whom your activities are available. Also, see the instructions and explain how you qualify as a childcare organization described in section 501(k).

10 Do you or will you publish, own, or have rights in music, literature, tapes, artworks, choreography, scientific discoveries, or other intellectual property? If "Yes," explain. Describe who owns or will own any copyrights, patents, or trademarks, whether fees are or will be charged, how the fees are determined, and how any items are or will be produced, distributed, and marketed.

**Part VIII Your Specific Activities (Continued)**

11 Do you or will you accept contributions of: real property; conservation easements; closely held securities; intellectual property such as patents, trademarks, and copyrights; works of music or art; licenses; royalties; automobiles, boats, planes, or other vehicles; or collectibles of any type? If "Yes," describe each type of contribution, any conditions imposed by the donor on the contribution, and any agreements with the donor regarding the contribution.  Yes  No

12a Do you or will you operate in a foreign country or countries? If "Yes," answer lines 12b through 12d. If "No," go to line 13a.  Yes  No  
 b Name the foreign countries and regions within the countries in which you operate.  
 c Describe your operations in each country and region in which you operate.  
 d Describe how your operations in each country and region further your exempt purposes.

13a Do you or will you make grants, loans, or other distributions to organization(s)? If "Yes," answer lines 13b through 13g. If "No," go to line 14a.  Yes  No  
 b Describe how your grants, loans, or other distributions to organizations further your exempt purposes.  
 c Do you have written contracts with each of these organizations? If "Yes," attach a copy of each contract.  Yes  No  
 d Identify each recipient organization and any relationship between you and the recipient organization.  
 e Describe the records you keep with respect to the grants, loans, or other distributions you make.  
 f Describe your selection process, including whether you do any of the following:  
 (i) Do you require an application form? If "Yes," attach a copy of the form.  Yes  No  
 (ii) Do you require a grant proposal? If "Yes," describe whether the grant proposal specifies your responsibilities and those of the grantee, obligates the grantee to use the grant funds only for the purposes for which the grant was made, provides for periodic written reports concerning the use of grant funds, requires a final written report and an accounting of how grant funds were used, and acknowledges your authority to withhold and/or recover grant funds in case such funds are, or appear to be, misused.  Yes  No  
 g Describe your procedures for oversight of distributions that assure you the resources are used to further your exempt purposes, including whether you require periodic and final reports on the use of resources.

14a Do you or will you make grants, loans, or other distributions to foreign organizations? If "Yes," answer lines 14b through 14f. If "No," go to line 15.  Yes  No  
 b Provide the name of each foreign organization, the country and regions within a country in which each foreign organization operates, and describe any relationship you have with each foreign organization.  
 c Does any foreign organization listed in line 14b accept contributions earmarked for a specific country or specific organization? If "Yes," list all earmarked organizations or countries.  Yes  No  
 d Do your contributors know that you have ultimate authority to use contributions made to you at your discretion for purposes consistent with your exempt purposes? If "Yes," describe how you relay this information to contributors.  Yes  No  
 e Do you or will you make pre-grant inquiries about the recipient organization? If "Yes," describe these inquiries, including whether you inquire about the recipient's financial status, its tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code, its ability to accomplish the purpose for which the resources are provided, and other relevant information.  Yes  No  
 f Do you or will you use any additional procedures to ensure that your distributions to foreign organizations are used in furtherance of your exempt purposes? If "Yes," describe these procedures, including site visits by your employees or compliance checks by impartial experts, to verify that grant funds are being used appropriately.  Yes  No



**Part VIII Your Specific Activities (Continued)**

- 15 Do you have a **close connection** with any organizations? If "Yes," explain.  Yes  No
- 16 Are you applying for exemption as a **cooperative hospital service organization** under section 501(e)? If "Yes," explain.  Yes  No
- 17 Are you applying for exemption as a **cooperative service organization of operating educational organizations** under section 501(f)? If "Yes," explain.  Yes  No
- 18 Are you applying for exemption as a **charitable risk pool** under section 501(n)? If "Yes," explain.  Yes  No
- 19 Do you or will you operate a **school**? If "Yes," complete Schedule B. Answer "Yes," whether you operate a school as your main function or as a secondary activity.  Yes  No
- 20 Is your main function to provide **hospital or medical care**? If "Yes," complete Schedule C.  Yes  No
- 21 Do you or will you provide **low-income housing** or housing for the **elderly or handicapped**? If "Yes," complete Schedule F.  Yes  No
- 22 Do you or will you provide scholarships, fellowships, educational loans, or other educational grants to individuals, including grants for travel, study, or other similar purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule H.  Yes  No

**Note:** Private foundations may use Schedule H to request advance approval of individual grant procedures.

ANSWER TO 22 IS FOR THE FUTURE.

**Part IX Financial Data**

For purposes of this schedule, years in existence refer to completed tax years. If in existence 4 or more years, complete the schedule for the most recent 4 tax years. If in existence more than 1 year but less than 4 years, complete the statements for each year in existence and provide projections of your likely revenues and expenses based on a reasonable and good faith estimate of your future finances for a total of 3 years of financial information. If in existence less than 1 year, provide projections of your likely revenues and expenses for the current year and the 2 following years, based on a reasonable and good faith estimate of your future finances for a total of 3 years of financial information. (See instructions.)

**A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses**

Type of revenue or expense	Current tax year	3 prior tax years or 2 succeeding tax years			(e) Provide Total for (a) through (d)
	(a) From <u>Jan. 08</u> To <u>Dec. 08</u>	(b) From _____ To _____	(c) From _____ To _____	(d) From _____ To _____	
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, and contributions received (do not include unusual grants)	Ø				
<b>2</b> Membership fees received	3,345.00				
<b>3</b> Gross investment income	Ø				
<b>4</b> Net unrelated business income	Ø				
<b>5</b> Taxes levied for your benefit	Ø				
<b>6</b> Value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit without charge (not including the value of services generally furnished to the public without charge)	Ø				
<b>7</b> Any revenue not otherwise listed above or in lines 9-12 below (attach an itemized list)	3,000.00				
<b>8</b> Total of lines 1 through 7	6,345.00				
<b>9</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is related to your exempt purposes (attach itemized list)	Ø				
<b>10</b> Total of lines 8 and 9	6,345.00				
<b>11</b> Net gain or loss on sale of capital assets (attach schedule and see instructions)	Ø				
<b>12</b> Unusual grants	Ø				
<b>13</b> Total Revenue Add lines 10 through 12					
<b>14</b> Fundraising expenses	Ø				
<b>15</b> Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts paid out (attach an itemized list)					
<b>16</b> Disbursements to or for the benefit of members (attach an itemized list)	Ø				
<b>17</b> Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees	Ø				
<b>18</b> Other salaries and wages	Ø				
<b>19</b> Interest expense	Ø				
<b>20</b> Occupancy (rent, utilities, etc.)	Ø				
<b>21</b> Depreciation and depletion	Ø				
<b>22</b> Professional fees	Ø				
<b>23</b> Any expense not otherwise classified, such as program services (attach itemized list)	4,798.00				
<b>24</b> Total Expenses Add lines 14 through 23	4,798.00				

NC MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION  
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EXPLANATION OF LINE 7 ON FINANCIAL DATA

The \$3000.00 is a line item which we keep for conferences. This same amount will be used for next years conference and will be paid back after all conference expenses are paid, if money is available for this purpose.

An amount of \$2688.00 was spend for members newsletter – printing and mailing.

An amount of \$2110.00 was spent for office supplies. EG – stamps, membership cards, software to make cards, card stock, paper with letterhead, meeting expenses, printing and copying.

**Part IX Financial Data (Continued)**

**B. Balance Sheet (for your most recently completed tax year)**

Year End: \_\_\_\_\_

Assets		(Whole dollars)
1	Cash . . . . .	6345.
2	Accounts receivable, net . . . . .	N/A
3	Inventories . . . . .	
4	Bonds and notes receivable (attach an itemized list) . . . . .	
5	Corporate stocks (attach an itemized list) . . . . .	
6	Loans receivable (attach an itemized list) . . . . .	
7	Other investments (attach an itemized list) . . . . .	
8	Depreciable and depletable assets (attach an itemized list) . . . . .	
9	Land . . . . .	
10	Other assets (attach an itemized list) . . . . .	N/A
11	Total Assets (add lines 1 through 10) . . . . .	6345.
Liabilities		
12	Accounts payable . . . . .	4798.
13	Contributions, gifts, grants, etc. payable . . . . .	N/A
14	Mortgages and notes payable (attach an itemized list) . . . . .	
15	Other liabilities (attach an itemized list) . . . . .	N/A
16	Total Liabilities (add lines 12 through 15) . . . . .	4798
Fund Balances or Net Assets		
17	Total fund balances or net assets . . . . .	1547.
18	Total Liabilities and Fund Balances or Net Assets (add lines 16 and 17) . . . . .	1547.
19	Have there been any substantial changes in your assets or liabilities since the end of the period shown above? If "Yes," explain.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Part X Public Charity Status**

Part X is designed to classify you as an organization that is either a **private foundation** or a **public charity**. Public charity status is a more favorable tax status than private foundation status. If you are a private foundation, Part X is designed to further determine whether you are a **private operating foundation**. (See instructions.)

- 1a Are you a private foundation? If "Yes," go to line 1b. If "No," go to line 5 and proceed as instructed. If you are unsure, see the instructions.  Yes  No
- b As a private foundation, section 508(e) requires special provisions in your organizing document in addition to those that apply to all organizations described in section 501(c)(3). Check the box to confirm that your organizing document meets this requirement, whether by express provision or by reliance on operation of state law. Attach a statement that describes specifically where your organizing document meets this requirement, such as a reference to a particular article or section in your organizing document or by operation of state law. See the instructions, including Appendix B, for information about the special provisions that need to be contained in your organizing document. Go to line 2.
- 2 Are you a private operating foundation? To be a private operating foundation you must engage directly in the active conduct of charitable, religious, educational, and similar activities, as opposed to indirectly carrying out these activities by providing grants to individuals or other organizations. If "Yes," go to line 3. If "No," go to the signature section of Part XI.  Yes  No
- 3 Have you existed for one or more years? If "Yes," attach financial information showing that you are a private operating foundation; go to the signature section of Part XI. If "No," continue to line 4.  Yes  No
- 4 Have you attached either (1) an affidavit or opinion of counsel, (including a written affidavit or opinion from a certified public accountant or accounting firm with expertise regarding this tax law matter), that sets forth facts concerning your operations and support to demonstrate that you are likely to satisfy the requirements to be classified as a private operating foundation; or (2) a statement describing your proposed operations as a private operating foundation?  Yes  No
- 5 If you answered "No" to line 1a, indicate the type of public charity status you are requesting by checking one of the choices below. You may check only one box.  
The organization is not a private foundation because it is:
  - a 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(i)—a church or a convention or association of churches. Complete and attach Schedule A.
  - b 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)—a school. Complete and attach Schedule B.
  - c 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)—a hospital, a cooperative hospital service organization, or a medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital. Complete and attach Schedule C.
  - d 509(a)(3)—an organization supporting either one or more organizations described in line 5a through c, f, g, or h or a publicly supported section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organization. Complete and attach Schedule D.

**Part X Public Charity Status (Continued)**

- e 509(a)(4)—an organization organized and operated exclusively for testing for public safety.
- f 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)—an organization operated for the benefit of a college or university that is owned or operated by a governmental unit.
- g 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)—an organization that receives a substantial part of its financial support in the form of contributions from publicly supported organizations, from a governmental unit, or from the general public.
- h 509(a)(2)—an organization that normally receives not more than one-third of its financial support from gross **investment income** and receives more than one-third of its financial support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions (subject to certain exceptions).
- i A publicly supported organization, but unsure if it is described in 5g or 5h. The organization would like the IRS to decide the correct status.

6 If you checked box g, h, or i in question 5 above, you must request either an **advance** or a **definitive ruling** by selecting one of the boxes below. Refer to the instructions to determine which type of ruling you are eligible to receive.

- a **Request for Advance Ruling:** By checking this box and signing the consent, pursuant to section 6501(c)(4) of the Code you request an advance ruling and agree to extend the statute of limitations on the assessment of excise tax under section 4940 of the Code. The tax will apply only if you do not establish public support status at the end of the 5-year advance ruling period. The assessment period will be extended for the 5 advance ruling years to 8 years, 4 months, and 15 days beyond the end of the first year. You have the right to refuse or limit the extension to a mutually agreed-upon period of time or issue(s). Publication 1035, *Extending the Tax Assessment Period*, provides a more detailed explanation of your rights and the consequences of the choices you make. You may obtain Publication 1035 free of charge from the IRS web site at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or by calling toll-free 1-800-829-3676. Signing this consent will not deprive you of any appeal rights to which you would otherwise be entitled. If you decide not to extend the statute of limitations, you are not eligible for an advance ruling.

**Consent Fixing Period of Limitations Upon Assessment of Tax Under Section 4940 of the Internal Revenue Code**

For Organization

.....  
 (Signature of Officer, Director, Trustee, or other authorized official)

.....  
 (Type or print name of signer)

.....  
 (Date)

.....  
 (Type or print title or authority of signer)

For IRS Use Only

.....  
 IRS Director, Exempt Organizations

.....  
 (Date)

- b **Request for Definitive Ruling:** Check this box if you have completed one tax year of at least 8 full months and you are requesting a definitive ruling. To confirm your public support status, answer line 6b(i) if you checked box g in line 5 above. Answer line 6b(ii) if you checked box h in line 5 above. If you checked box i in line 5 above, answer both lines 6b(i) and (ii).

(i) (a) Enter 2% of line 8, column (e) on Part IX-A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses. 12690

(b) Attach a list showing the name and amount contributed by each person, company, or organization whose gifts totaled more than the 2% amount. If the answer is "None," check this box.

(ii) (a) For each year amounts are included on lines 1, 2, and 9 of Part IX-A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses, attach a list showing the name of and amount received from each **disqualified person**. If the answer is "None," check this box.

(b) For each year amounts are included on line 9 of Part IX-A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses, attach a list showing the name of and amount received from each payer, other than a disqualified person, whose payments were more than the larger of (1) 1% of line 10, Part IX-A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses, or (2) \$5,000. If the answer is "None," check this box.

- 7 Did you receive any unusual grants during any of the years shown on Part IX-A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses? If "Yes," attach a list including the name of the contributor, the date and amount of the grant, a brief description of the grant, and explain why it is unusual.  Yes  No

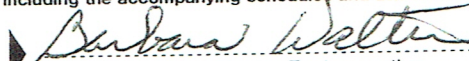
**Part XI User Fee Information**

You must include a user fee payment with this application. It will not be processed without your paid user fee. If your average annual gross receipts have exceeded or will exceed \$10,000 annually over a 4-year period, you must submit payment of \$750. If your gross receipts have not exceeded or will not exceed \$10,000 annually over a 4-year period, the required user fee payment is \$300. See instructions for Part XI, for a definition of **gross receipts** over a 4-year period. Your check or money order must be made payable to the United States Treasury. *User fees are subject to change. Check our website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and type "User Fee" in the keyword box, or call Customer Account Services at 1-877-829-5500 for current information.*

- 1 Have your annual gross receipts averaged or are they expected to average not more than \$10,000?  
If "Yes," check the box on line 2 and enclose a user fee payment of \$300 (Subject to change—see above).  
If "No," check the box on line 3 and enclose a user fee payment of \$750 (Subject to change—see above).  Yes  No
- 2 Check the box if you have enclosed the reduced user fee payment of \$300 (Subject to change).
- 3 Check the box if you have enclosed the user fee payment of \$750 (Subject to change).

I declare under the penalties of perjury that I am authorized to sign this application on behalf of the above organization and that I have examined this application, including the accompanying schedules and attachments, and to the best of my knowledge it is true, correct, and complete.

Please Sign Here

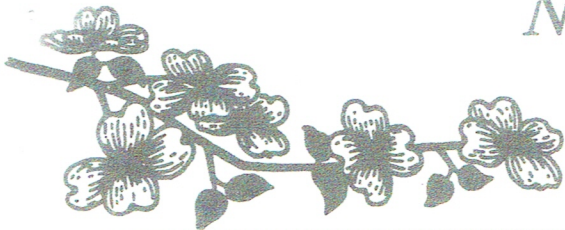
  
(Signature of Officer, Director, Trustee, or other authorized official)

BARBARA WALTERS  
(Type or print name of signer)

9/26/07  
(Date)

TREASURER  
(Type or print title or authority of signer)

**Reminder:** Send the completed Form 1023 Checklist with your filled-in-application.



# North Carolina Master Gardener Volunteer Association

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## ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION

We, the undersigned to hereby attest that we as Master Gardeners, living within the state of North Carolina, have come together to form an organization dedicated to the cause of bringing people of like interests together, sharing ideas, victories and concerns so that all may continue to grow in their knowledge of being a North Carolina Master Gardener Volunteer .

President Shirley Waggoner-Eisenman

President Elect Robert D Kella

Vice President \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary Brenda H. Bernhardt

Treasurer Bubba Walter

**BYLAWS**  
**NORTH CAROLINA MASTER GARDENER**  
**VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION**  
**(As revised May 3, 1999)**

**I. NAME**

The name of this association shall be "North Carolina Master Gardener Volunteer Association" (hereinafter referred to as the "Association.")

**II. PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Association shall be as follows:

- A. To enhance, supplement, and aid in the coordination of volunteers of the Master Gardener Volunteer Program of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension
- B. To assume responsibility for performing special tasks and engaging in continuous activities relating to the Program.
- C. To disseminate to North Carolina citizens information on cultural practices and techniques in accordance with standards approved by the Cooperative Extension of North Carolina State University and North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University.
- D. To provide opportunities for the Association's members to meet with others who have similar interests.
- E. To extend Master Gardener Volunteers' knowledge of and interest in horticulture and related activities.

**III. MEMBERSHIP**

There shall be two classes of membership:

- A. **ACTIVE:** Shall be limited to individuals who have successfully completed the Master Gardener Volunteer formal training and service hours required by their home counties and pay annual dues to the Association. Hereinafter they are referred to as "voting members."
- B. **ASSOCIATE:** Membership applies to any employee of North Carolina State University, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, or the North Carolina Cooperative Extension who is working with an office which offers a Master Gardener Volunteer Program or cooperates with other units offering the Program or which plans to start a Program within one year of his/her application



for membership in the Association. Associate members are exempt from dues, have no voting privileges, and may not hold office.

- C. Failure to pay dues shall result in removal of a member's name from the rolls of the North Carolina Master Gardener Volunteer Association.

#### IV. OFFICERS

- A. The Association shall elect from among the membership a President, President-Elect, Vice President, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer.
- B. The President shall preside at meetings of the Association and shall have the power to appoint such committee chairs, members, and representatives as necessary. Except for the Nominating Committee, the President shall serve as ex-officio member of all committees, without vote, unless necessary to break a tie.
- C. The President-Elect shall assume the office of President when the present term expires.
- D. The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President, and perform other duties as requested by the President.
- E. The Recording Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings, keep a record of attendance of all officers and voting representatives, and perform other duties as requested by the President.
- F. The Corresponding Secretary shall receive and respond as necessary to correspondence, submit pertinent correspondence to the Recording Secretary for the permanent record, notify the Board of Directors of the time and place of meetings, and perform other duties as requested by the President.
- G. The Treasurer shall serve without bond, keep financial records of the Association, and provide a treasurer's report at meetings or as otherwise required. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse funds on behalf of the Association subject to the approval of the President, collect all dues, and prepare the yearly budget. Any non-budgeted disbursement over the amount of \$200 shall be made only with the approval of the Executive Committee.
- H. The President shall appoint an auditor. The Treasurer shall turn over all records to the auditor within thirty days after the close of the fiscal year and the fiscal year ending bank statement has been received. The auditor may or may not be a member of the Association but may not be a member of the Board of Directors. The auditor shall conduct the audit and issue a written report to the President and Treasurer and return the records to the Treasurer within thirty days. The auditor's report shall be printed in the next issue of the Association newsletter.

- I. The President shall appoint a Historian who will maintain the historical records of the Association.
- J. The President shall appoint a Membership Chairman who will supply the President, Recording Secretary, and editor of the Association newsletter with a current membership list as needed.

**V. ORGANIZATION**

- A. This is a statewide organization comprised of members of chapters or designated geographic areas of the state. Chapters may include one or more counties for administrative practicality.
- B. Members of the Association living within each chapter boundary shall designate one member as voting representative and another member as alterative to the Board of Directors. The alternate may vote only when the representative is unable to attend a meeting or cast a ballot.
- C. The Board of Directors shall consist of the immediate Past President, the elected officers, and the voting representatives. The Board shall conduct all official business of the Association.
- D. The Board of Directors shall meet a minimum of twice per year and at such other times as the President may deem necessary after reasonable notice is given. The executive Committee, consisting of all currently elected officers, the Past President, and all standing committee chairmen, may meet between Board meetings to conduct official business at the call of the President or at least two Executive Committee members. Minutes must be kept, and the Board of Directors must approve all actions at its next scheduled meeting.
- E. There shall also be one statewide business meeting of all members each year. This meeting shall be held in conjunction with a Master Gardener Volunteer educational activity.
- F. All meetings of the Board of Directors are open to all members of the Association, and all are encouraged to attend and participate in discussions.
- G. A simple majority shall rule at Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and statewide meetings.

**VI. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

- A. The nominating committee shall consist of three members, one to be appointed by the President, two to be elected by the Association membership. A slate of officers shall be printed in the Association newsletter no less than one month prior to the election. Nominations may be accepted from the floor prior to elections,

provided the nominee has agreed to serve in the capacity for which he/she is being nominated.

- B. The officers of the Association shall be elected for a one-year term, which shall run July 1 to June 30 following election, but all officers will continue until a successor is elected and assumes office.
- C. Vacancies in office shall be filled by appointment of the President with the approval of the Board of Directors. In the event of death, resignation, or incapacity of the President, the Vice-President shall become President for the unexpired portion of the term.
- D. The officers shall be elected at a statewide meeting with all voting members present being eligible to vote.

## **VII. DUES**

- A. Any changes in annual dues of the Association shall be voted on at a statewide meeting. Membership shall begin each year on January 1. It is the responsibility of each member to see that his/her dues are paid.
- B. Annual dues are payable on or before January 1 each year.
- C. A member who does not pay dues by March 1 shall be removed from the Association rolls.

## **VIII. MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. No discrimination due to sex, race, color, age, creed, or national origin will be made in any respect of the North Carolina Master Gardener Volunteer Association.
- B. The latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised) shall govern the conduct of all meetings. The President may appoint a Parliamentarian.
- C. These Bylaws may be amended or revised by a vote of at least two-thirds of the voting members at a statewide meeting. Each member shall receive a copy of the proposed revisions at least one month prior to the voting. The date on which the voting will take place must be specified on the copy of the proposed revisions.
- D. All service performed in behalf of the Association shall be voluntary with no compensation except out-of-pocket expense money, if funds are available and the distribution is approved by the Executive Committee.
- E. The Association may promote fund-raising programs to cover operational expenses incidental to activities within the scope of these Bylaws.

**IX. EXTENSION LIAISON**

- A. The North Carolina Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Program Coordinator may serve as Liaison to the Association.

**X. DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION**

- A. In the event that the Association ceases to function and dissolves itself, all assets, after obligations of the Association have been satisfied, shall be transferred to the North Carolina State 4-H Horticultural Program. In no event shall any assets be distributed to any organization that does not qualify under Section 501 C (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or its corresponding subsequent provisions.

Bylaws originally adopted at Forsyth County, May 18, 1991.

Revised: NCMGA Annual Conference, Wilmington, NC, May 6, 1996

Revised: NCMGVA Annual Conference, Goldsboro, NC, May 3, 1999.