



Garden Partners' Volunteer Application

Thank you for your interest in becoming a volunteer with Garden Partners!

Name: _____
(First) (Middle Initial) (Last)

Title: _____ Ms. _____ Mrs. _____ Mr. Email: _____

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Phone Number: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Phone Number(s): _____ Relationship: _____

• How did you hear about Garden Partners? _____

• Why are you interested in becoming a Garden Partners' volunteer? _____

• Please describe any previous volunteer experience: _____

• If applying to volunteer in a long-term care residential setting (Program or Gardening Assistant), please describe any prior experience and/or training you have related to working with older adults, individuals with physical, cognitive, or developmental challenges, dementia or Alzheimer's disease, or chronic mental illness:

• Do you have any special skills which you feel may be helpful to the Garden Partners' programs?

• Are you willing to complete a Criminal Background Check through a facility in which you might be placed?
Yes _____ No _____

- Do you require any specific accommodations? _____

PLEASE SELECT ALL OF THE OPPORTUNITIES IN WHICH YOU ARE INTERESTED:

**Refer to complete position descriptions on the next page.*

_____ **PROGRAM ASSISTANT** — Regular assignment. Approximately 2 hours per week including travel time to/from facility.

_____ **GARDENING ASSISTANT** — Ongoing opportunity with flexible hours and seasonal variety. Schedule to be arranged with a Garden Partners' Program Specialist.

_____ **CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANT** — Open and flexible schedule to be set with Garden Partners' Program Specialists.

_____ **ONE-TIME EVENTS** — Open and flexible "on call" position, also great for community groups (scouts, teams, etc.).

VOLUNTEER PREFERENCES:

- What day(s) are you available to volunteer? Please indicate: Daytime (D) or Evening (E)
___Monday ___Tuesday ___Wednesday ___Thursday ___Friday ___Saturday ___Sunday

And / Or _____ I am able to volunteer periodically, for special one-time events or projects.

- I would like to bring a friend to one-time events/projects:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

- Your Preferred Start Date: _____

- Please provide a character reference that we may contact (other than relatives):

(Name) (Phone)

I hereby certify that all information included in this application is true and complete.

Signature _____ Date _____

PLEASE MAIL THIS APPLICATION TO:

**Garden Partners
PO Box 13280
Portland, OR 97213**

Questions?

**Phone: (503) 288-1280 or e-mail:
volunteer@gardenpartners.org**



GARDEN PARTNERS' VOLUNTEER POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

PROGRAM ASSISTANT: Share meaningful interaction with residents and work with plants and garden materials year-round. Together with a Garden Partners' Program Specialist, assist residents during indoor and outdoor therapeutic gardening activities within long-term care, assisted living or other facilities.

Your role may include:

- Handing out tools and materials to participants;
- Positioning wheelchairs so people can participate in activities;
- Assisting participants as they touch, smell and observe plant materials (as directed by staff);
- Loading/unloading plants, tools and supplies for activity sessions; and,
- Set-up/clean-up participant work areas; wipe tables, sweep floors, collect and clean tools.

Qualifications: Some gardening experience is helpful but not required. A background or interest in working with older adult populations is highly desirable. Compassion, patience and flexibility are a must! All Program Assistant volunteers must pass a background check.

Commitment: Ongoing, weekly schedule — two hours per week preferred. This includes travel time to and from facility and some preparation and cleanup with Garden Partners' staff.

GARDENING ASSISTANT: Ongoing opportunity with flexible hours and seasonal variety. In collaboration with a Garden Partners' Program Specialist, help keep facility gardens looking their best by assisting with watering, planting, weeding, loading/unloading plants, tools and supplies for planting, and special projects.

Qualifications: Some gardening experience is helpful but not required. Interest in working on gardening projects in collaboration with Garden Partners' and/or Facility Staff. Able to lift 5-10 pounds.

Commitment: Open and flexible. Schedule to be set with a Garden Partners' Program Specialist.

CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANT: Utilize your construction tools and skills on such projects as building planters and garden structures, cutting wood, and assembling trellises/frames for raised flower boxes (materials provided).

Qualifications: Construction skills, tools and access to a workshop. Able to lift 5-10 pounds.

Commitment: Open and flexible. Schedule to be set with a Garden Partners' Program Specialist.

ONE-TIME EVENTS: Great "on-call" opportunity to volunteer as your schedule allows. Also great for community groups (scouts, teams, etc.) Help with Garden Work Parties throughout the year (clean-up, weeding, trim/haul away debris, transplant, build planters/structures and much more) to help keep facility gardens at their best for residents to enjoy.

Qualifications: Enjoy working outdoors and be able to physically participate in work party activities.

Commitment: Sign up to be "on-call" and participate in at least one work party per year.