

**The Northeastern Wisconsin (N.E.W) Master Gardeners Association,  
By-Laws**



**ADDENDUM III  
Associate Member Qualifications and Procedures**

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## **Associate Member Proposal / Guidelines 2024**

**The NEWMGA Board of Directors has the responsibility to administer and revise this policy at its discretion.**

The purpose for the formation of this new membership category is two-fold:

- 1) To increase the number of interested gardeners that are available to work on project gardens, committees, and community outreach events.
- 2) To promote an alternate avenue by which interested gardeners can become a Certified Master Gardener in the Northeastern Master Gardener Association through the UW-Madison Extension Certification course.

### **An Associate Member:**

- Is a non-certified member of the Northeastern Master Gardener Association.
- Must be at least 18 years of age.
- Participates as a general member of the Northeastern Master Gardener Association including volunteering in project gardens, participating in standing committees, attending general membership meetings, and participating in Northeastern Master Gardener activities, is an eligible voting member of the association, and will receive all Association communications.
- Must have a willingness to increase gardening knowledge and skills, they are encouraged

to volunteer 24 hours and participate in 10 hours of continuing education activities.

- Is encouraged to become a Certified Master Gardener, but there is no time limit in which to do so.
- Follows guidelines of the Northeastern Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association By-Laws.
- Cannot represent themselves as a Northeastern Wisconsin Certified Master Gardener.
- Can hold a Project Co-Lead position, be on the Board, but not on the Executive Committee
- Is not eligible to be a member of WIMGA the state of Wisconsin Master Gardener Association.

#### **An Associate Member Forms and Requirements :**

- Required to fill out the Master Gardener Enrollment Form and pay dues (same fee as all current members).
- Required to fill out the Brown County Volunteer form, to be updated every three years.
- Encouraged to volunteer 24 hours per year and participate in 10 hours of continuing education, but is REQUIRED to do so if applying for the Paul Hartman Reimbursement Scholarship.
- Scholarship applicants are required to provide logged volunteer hours prior to applying for the Paul Hartman Scholarship.
- Associate Members are required to provide logged volunteer hours prior to December 31st to the current Membership Committee .