

**The Tom Smith, Butler County Master Gardener
Volunteer of the Year Award
Nomination Form**

1. Nomination may be mailed as a hard copy or emailed as a digital file.
2. This cover form **MUST** accompany the nomination materials.
3. The volunteer must be in good standing in Butler County (current in volunteer hours, advanced training hours, and county membership requirements.)
4. One volunteer will be selected.
5. Previous winners may not be nominated for a period of five years after winning. That is, the 2018 winner may not be nominated again until 2024 but can have been named the Outstanding Volunteer in previous years.
6. The Butler County winner will automatically be nominated for "State MG Volunteer of the Year" and represent Butler County at the annual MG Volunteer State Conference Banquet.
7. **Nomination must be emailed or postmarked on or before March 5th annually.**

Winner will be announced at the Butler County OSUE Open House or MG Lunch Meeting

Winner will receive complimentary registration to the 2023 OSU Master Gardener Conference

Name of Nominated Master Gardener Volunteer: _____

Email Address (or, if none, mailing address): _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Year Nominee entered the Master Gardener program (training year):

Nominator: _____

Email Address: _____ **Telephone:** _____

On a separate sheet of paper, please include a description of the characteristics displayed and contributions made by the Nominee. Include examples for EACH of the following categories; use each bolded category as a subject heading. **(100 points total)**. (Note - **Description** can be up to but no more than 800 words total.)

- A. **Positive attributes** (e.g. dependability, enthusiasm, cooperative spirit, etc.). **(25 points)**
- B. **Teaching skills** that have benefited clientele in the county. **(25 points)**
- C. **Leadership skills** that have strengthened and benefited the MGV program. **(25 points)**
- D. **Greatest contribution** to the Butler County OSUE Master Gardener Volunteer program. **(25 points)**

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