

# Membership

## Eligibility for Membership.

To be eligible for **Regular Membership** in the LCMGA, an individual must satisfy the following requirements: completion of the Master Gardener training course offered by Michigan State University (MSU) Extension and completion of all education and annual recertification requirements.

To be eligible for **Associate Membership** the individual must have completed the Master Gardener training course and certification requirements in the past.

To be eligible for **Provisional Membership** in the LCMGA, an individual must satisfy all the requirements for a Regular Membership, other than the prior completion of the required certification requirements. .

**Regular Membership.** Regular membership shall be granted to any person who has requested regular membership, has met the requirement above and who has paid applicable dues and costs for the current year. Regular memberships are non-transferable.

**Associate Membership.** Associate membership shall be granted to any person who has requested associate membership and has met the requirements above and who has paid applicable dues and costs for the current year. Associate memberships are non-transferable

**Provisional Membership.** Provisional membership shall be for one calendar year following successful completion of the MSU Extension Master Gardener training course to any person who has requested Provisional Membership pending full completion of the requirements above. During this year, the Provisional Member must complete the Master Gardener certification requirements. Provisional memberships are non-transferable.

## Compliance.

All members must comply with the Bylaws, policies and procedures of the LCMGA as set by the Board and adopt the Michigan State University Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Policy Statement .

## Membership Dues.

The established annual dues for the Regular and Associate membership of the LCMGA is \$10. Membership in LCMGA is renewed each January and includes an e-mail subscription to the association newsletter. All dues are paid on a calendar year basis and non-refundable.

## Termination of Membership.

Membership may be terminated by a member upon submission of a written resignation to the LCMGA or by the Board on the occurrence of any of the following events:

- a) Failure to pay dues within forty five (45) days after written notice of payment due
- b) Failure to satisfy the eligibility requirements.
- c) Failure to follow all provisions of these Bylaws.

The LCMGA is open to all who meet the requirements without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status or veteran status. This policy shall follow the policies of Lapeer County, the Constitution of the State of Michigan and the Constitution of United States of America.