

Citizen Forester Application



CONTACT INFORMATION:

(Please Print or Type)			
Applicant's Name:	First Name	Last Name	
Mailing Address:	Address		
	City	State	Zip Code
	County		
e-mail:			
Phone #:	() -	Alternate Phone #:	() -
Emergency Information:	Name of Contact Person	Relationship	Phone #: () -

INTEREST:

- 1) Briefly explain why you are interested in becoming a Citizen Forester: _____

- 2) How did you learn about the Citizen Forester program? _____
- 3) What Citizen Forester topics listed below are you most interested in? Mark all that apply.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Benefits of trees	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recognizing a good pruning job	<input type="checkbox"/>	Construction issues related to trees
<input type="checkbox"/>	Recommended trees to plant	<input type="checkbox"/>	When & how to prune correctly	<input type="checkbox"/>	"Hands-on" experience
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tree ID	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tree-risk assessment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Volunteer Projects
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tree planting techniques	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tree production techniques	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please list):

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT:

In addition to the training received, you are expected to complete a minimum of 20 hours of volunteer service towards tree related projects on public property within the calendar year. These hours should be completed under the supervision of an appropriate representative from the municipality or agency for whom you are volunteering. Appropriate means this person job duties includes the authority and responsibility for the project(s) you will be working on.

COMMUNITY SERVICE (CONT'D):

Please contact Courtney Blevins, Regional Urban Forester with the Texas A&M Forest Service at cblevins@tfs.tamu.edu or 817-879-3974, if you need help in identifying an appropriate supervisor in the municipality where you wish to complete your 20 hours of volunteer service.

Once this supervisor has been identified, it is your responsibility to contact them about the type of projects available.

4) What type of volunteer project(s) do you anticipate being involved with in order to complete your Citizen Forester community service requirements?

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

I understand that to become a Certified Citizen Forester, I will need to successfully complete a combination of classroom instruction, field training, and community service. I will be expected to make up any classroom and field training hours that I miss. If I am absent for more than 1 (6 hours) of the training sessions, I will be dropped from the program and can re-apply to participate in future training programs. For my community service, I am expected to complete a minimum of 20 volunteer hours on projects that involve trees on public property by December 31 of the training year. Initial: _____

I understand that after the training year, I will need to meet the annual requirements of 20 volunteer hours and 5 continuing education hours in order to maintain my Certified Citizen Forester designation. Initial: _____

I understand that during the program's field training component, the following physical activity will be involved in an outdoor environment: using a shovel to dig a planting hole; using bypass pruners, loppers, and hand saws to prune trees; and extended periods of walking and/or standing. Initial: _____

During the training component of the Citizen Forester program, I will be considered to be a City of Fort Worth volunteer and will be expected to sign the City's volunteer agreement form and undergo a criminal records check. I will also be expected to sign a volunteer agreement with the Cross Timbers Urban Forestry Council. Initial: _____

I understand that during the community service component of the program, I will no longer be considered a Fort Worth volunteer if I am volunteering with a different municipality, but may instead be subject to the volunteer requirements of my local municipality. Initial: _____

I am also aware that there is a one-time \$50 registration fee (please make checks payable to CTUFC, \$60 late registration after January 15, 2015). Initial: _____

Applicant's signature

Printed Name

Date

Application Deadline: Wednesday, January 15, 2015

MAIL:

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Fort Worth, TX 76115-1499
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FAX:

817-392-7454
ATTN: Citizen Forester

Please contact 817-392-5738 for any questions or concerns that arise in completing this application.