

# NDSU Extension Master Gardener Program accepting applicants through Nov. 1

## NDSU EXTENSION

If you love gardening and want to make your community a better place, consider becoming a North Dakota State University Extension Master Gardener. Convenient online training starts in 2025, offering a great learning experience for adults.

The Extension Master Gardener Program is a national volunteer service organization that works in cooperation with land-grant universities. The program trains and empowers volunteers to teach others how

to garden, to conserve natural resources such as pollinators, to beautify communities and to fight food insecurity.

NDSU Extension is now accepting applications for the 2025 Extension Master Gardener Core Course. Accepted applicants will take a 40-hour horticultural training course designed to provide participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to complete volunteer projects. Weekly classes will be held from January 24 to April 4, 2025.

Course topics include vegetable and

fruit production, soil health, composting, plant diseases and insects, annual and perennial flowers, tree selection and maintenance, landscape design, houseplants and lawn maintenance. NDSU faculty and Extension personnel teach the classes.

"The ten-week training is designed to be flexible for both working individuals and for those wintering in other states," says Esther McGinnis, NDSU Extension horticulturist and Extension Master Gardener director. "Students from

around the state can participate from their computers in the live Friday morning classes. Alternatively, students can watch the recorded lectures at their convenience. Students near Fargo have the option to be present in the NDSU campus classroom."

Once participants complete the 40-hour training, they are known as Extension Master Gardener interns. They must volunteer 48 hours of time during a two-year period on horticultural projects in cooperation with NDSU Extension. After that, they will be certified Extension

Master Gardener volunteers.

Potential volunteer projects include answering gardening questions, organizing horticultural workshops and tours, teaching children to garden, growing fresh produce for food pantries, designing and maintaining pollinator gardens, and conducting citizen science projects.

The program fee (\$225) for the 2025 class remains the same as 2024 to make the class more accessible to individuals. A non-volunteer option which leads to a Pro-Horticulture certificate

is available for \$450.

Twenty-six North Dakota counties will be accepting a limited number of Extension Master Gardener applications. The process will be more competitive in urban counties. The application deadline is Nov. 1 at noon.

Application forms and a list of counties that are accepting applications are available at [ndsud.edu/mg25](https://ndsud.edu/mg25).

For more information, contact your NDSU Extension county office at [ndsud.edu/mg25](https://ndsud.edu/mg25) or McGinnis at [esther.mcginnis@ndsud.edu](mailto:esther.mcginnis@ndsud.edu).

## GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 in the County of Adams County, State of North Dakota, a General Election will be held for Congressional, State, Legislative, County Offices, and Constitutional & Initiated Measures. The Adams County Courthouse Community Room located at 602 Adams Ave in Hettinger will be open for voting at 9:00 am and continue open until 7:00 pm.

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Krista Faller, Adams County Auditor/Treasurer

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA	ADAMS COUNTY	
<b>GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT NOVEMBER 5, 2024</b>		
To vote for the candidate of your choice, you must darken the oval (●) next to the name of that candidate.	<b>State Treasurer</b> Vote for no more than ONE name	<b>County Recorder</b> Unexpired 2-Year Term Vote for no more than ONE name
To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, you must darken the oval (●) next to the blank line provided and write that person's name on the blank line.	<input type="radio"/> Thomas Beadle Republican Party <input type="radio"/> _____	<input type="radio"/> Sheri Dee Uecker <input type="radio"/> _____
<b>PARTY BALLOT</b>		
<b>President &amp; Vice-President of the United States</b> Vote for no more than ONE name	<b>Insurance Commissioner</b> Vote for no more than ONE name	<b>Supervisor, Soil Conservation District</b> Adams County Soil Conservation District Vote for no more than ONE name
Presidential Electors <input type="radio"/> Harris Democratic-NPL Party { Carol Davis, Byron Knutson, E. Jane Sinner } <input type="radio"/> Oliver Libertarian Party { Taylor Bakken, Dana Hartshorn, Kaylah Stangler } <input type="radio"/> Trump Republican Party { Kim Koppelman, Jeff Magrum, Rick Becker }	<input type="radio"/> Jon Godfreed Republican Party <input type="radio"/> _____	<input type="radio"/> Hayden William Evans <input type="radio"/> _____
	<b>Public Service Commissioner</b> Vote for no more than ONE name	<b>MEASURES BALLOT</b>
	<input type="radio"/> Randy Christmann Republican Party <input type="radio"/> Tracey L. Wilkie Democratic-NPL Party <input type="radio"/> _____	Vote by darkening the oval (●) next to the word "YES" or "NO" following the explanation of each measure.
	<b>NO-PARTY BALLOT</b>	<b>Constitutional Measure No. 1</b>
	To vote for the candidate of your choice, you must darken the oval (●) next to the name of that candidate.	(Senate Concurrent Resolution 4001, 2023 Session Laws, Ch. 597)
	To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, you must darken the oval (●) next to the blank line provided and write that person's name on the blank line.	This constitutional measure would amend and reenact sections 12 and 13 of article IX of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to the replacement of outdated terminology describing public institutions of the state. The amended sections are summarized as follows: the "school for the deaf and dumb of North Dakota" is changed to the "school for the deaf and hard of hearing"; a "state hospital for the insane" is changed to a "state hospital for the care of individuals with mental illness"; an "institution for the feebleminded" is changed to a "facility for individuals with developmental disabilities"; and a "state hospital for the mentally ill" is changed to a "state hospital for the care of individuals with mental illness."
<b>United States Senator</b> Vote for no more than ONE name	<b>Superintendent of Public Instruction</b> Vote for no more than ONE name	The estimated fiscal impact of this measure is none.
<input type="radio"/> Kevin Cramer Republican Party <input type="radio"/> Katrina Christiansen Democratic-NPL Party <input type="radio"/> _____	<input type="radio"/> Kirsten Baesler <input type="radio"/> Jason Heitkamp <input type="radio"/> _____	<input type="radio"/> Yes - Means you approve the measure as summarized above. <input type="radio"/> No - Means you reject the measure as summarized above.
<b>Representative in Congress</b> Vote for no more than ONE name	<b>Judge of the District Court No. 1</b> Southwest Judicial District Vote for no more than ONE name	
<input type="radio"/> Julie Fedorchak Republican Party <input type="radio"/> Trygve Hammer Democratic-NPL Party <input type="radio"/> _____	<input type="radio"/> James D Gion <input type="radio"/> _____	
<b>Governor and Lt. Governor</b> Vote for no more than ONE set of names	<b>Judge of the District Court No. 3</b> Southwest Judicial District Vote for no more than ONE name	
<input type="radio"/> Kelly Armstrong and Michelle Strinden Republican Party <input type="radio"/> Michael (Coach) Coachman and Lydia Gessele Independent nomination <input type="radio"/> Merrill Piepkorn and Patrick Hart Democratic-NPL Party <input type="radio"/> _____	<input type="radio"/> Dann Greenwood <input type="radio"/> _____	
<b>State Auditor</b> Vote for no more than ONE name	<b>County Commissioner at Large</b> Vote for no more than TWO names	
<input type="radio"/> Timothy C (Tim) Lamb Democratic-NPL Party <input type="radio"/> Joshua C Gallion Republican Party <input type="radio"/> _____	<input type="radio"/> Steven Ron West <input type="radio"/> Tyler James Erickson <input type="radio"/> Dustin Michael Laufer <input type="radio"/> Anthony Dean Larson <input type="radio"/> _____	
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<b>Official Ballot ADAMS COUNTY November 5, 2024</b>	All ballots, other than those used to vote absentee, must first be initialed by appropriate election officials in order to be counted.	_____ Initials
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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA	ADAMS COUNTY	
<b>MEASURES BALLOT</b>		
Vote by darkening the oval (●) next to the word "YES" or "NO" following the explanation of each measure.	<b>Initiated Constitutional Measure No. 4</b>	
<b>Constitutional Measure No. 2</b> (Senate Concurrent Resolution 4013, 2023 Session Laws, Ch. 598)	This initiated measure would amend sections 1, 14, 15, and 16 and repeal sections 4, 5, 7, 9 and 10 of article X of the North Dakota Constitution. It would prohibit political subdivisions from levying any tax on the assessed value of real or personal property, except for the payment of bonded indebtedness incurred through a certain date, and would require the state to provide replacement payments to political subdivisions of no less than the current real property tax levies. It would limit the debt of a political subdivision to an amount not to exceed two and one-half percent of the full and true value of the real property in the political subdivision; however, by a vote, an incorporated city could increase its indebtedness to four percent and a school district could increase its indebtedness to five percent. It would allow an incorporated city to become indebted in an amount not exceeding two percent of its full and true value for water and sewer projects. It would require a political subdivision incurring indebtedness to provide for annual revenues to pay the debt payments when due and would prohibit a political subdivision from issuing general obligation bonds secured with tax levied on the assessed value of property.	
This constitutional measure would amend and reenact sections 2, 3, 4, and 9 of article III of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to initiated constitutional amendments. The proposed amendments would require both constitutional and non-constitutional initiated measures to be limited to one subject as determined by the Secretary of State, who may not approve the initiated petition if it comprises more than one subject; require that measure sponsors be qualified electors; require that only qualified electors may circulate a petition; require petition signers to provide a complete residential address; and increase the number of signatures required to place a constitutional initiated measure on the ballot from four percent to five percent of the North Dakota resident population. Additionally, the proposed amendments would require that constitutional initiated measures approved by the Secretary of State be voted upon by the voters at the next primary election and, if approved by a majority of the voters, voted upon at the general election immediately following the primary election; if the measure fails at either the primary or general election, the measure is deemed failed.	The estimated fiscal impact of this measure is none.	
	<input type="radio"/> Yes - Means you approve the measure as summarized above. <input type="radio"/> No - Means you reject the measure as summarized above.	
	<b>Initiated Statutory Measure No. 5</b>	
	The initiated measure would create a new chapter of the North Dakota Century Code. It would allow for the production, processing, and sale of cannabis and the possession and use of various forms of cannabis by individuals who are 21 years of age and older; direct a state entity to regulate and register adult use cannabis production businesses, dispensaries, and their agents; provide protections for individuals who are 21 years of age or older who use cannabis; provide penalties for violations of the chapter; preserve certain employer rights regarding use of cannabis products by employees; supersede local ordinances that otherwise would prohibit the purchase, sale, use, delivery, or growing of cannabis by or to individuals 21 years of age or older; and provide that fees must be appropriated for administration of this chapter.	
	The estimated fiscal impact of this measure includes revenues of \$10,227,600, expenses of \$8,324,275, and an undetermined amount of additional costs associated with behavioral health and social impacts for the 2025-2027 biennium.	
	<input type="radio"/> Yes - Means you approve the measure as summarized above. <input type="radio"/> No - Means you reject the measure as summarized above.	
<b>Constitutional Measure No. 3</b> (House Concurrent Resolution 3033, 2023 Session Laws, Ch. 596)	This constitutional measure would amend and reenact section 26 of article X of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to spending and transfers from the legacy fund. The measure intends to decrease the amount of principal available for spending each biennium and clarify the distributions from the legacy fund. The proposed amendments would require transfers and earnings accruing prior to July 1, 2017 to be deemed as the principal of the legacy fund; reduce the amount of the principal of the legacy fund available to be expended during a biennium from fifteen percent to five percent; require the state investment board to invest the moneys in the legacy fund, not limited to the principal; and on July first of odd-numbered years, require the state treasurer to make a distribution of the legacy fund earnings into a legacy earnings fund.	
	The estimated fiscal impact of this measure is none.	
	<input type="radio"/> Yes - Means you approve the measure as summarized above. <input type="radio"/> No - Means you reject the measure as summarized above.	
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