



Join the Sunnyside Master Gardener **2026 Youth Master Gardener Program**

Plant and harvest your own vegetables and flowers while learning about plants, soil, vegetables, herbs, flowers, insects, fruits, as well as wildlife & ecology in the garden.

Who: Children who have **completed 2nd grade** to age 12

Where: Georgetown Optimist Club, 8260 State Road 64, Georgetown, IN

When: Classes meet **Mondays** from **9 am** until **noon**
June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and **July 6, 13**
plus, an early Planting Day, Saturday May 9th, 10am to noon
since the gardens need to be planted before classes start.
Sunnyside Master Gardeners will be available to assist each child.

Cost: Registration fee is **\$35** – includes all supplies, plants and materials

Application deadline is April 30, 2026.

However, class size is limited
with applications accepted on a first-received, first-enrolled basis, **so don't delay.**

How to apply: Complete the **two-page application form (fillable pdf)**
Include **the \$35 fee (per child) payable to: Sunnyside Master Gardeners**
Mail to the following address by April 30, 2026:

**SMG Youth Master Gardener Program
c/o Kathy Strecker
603 Hebron Church Rd
Henryville, IN 47126-8752**

**You may also email the completed pdf
and request information on how to pay via Zelle® or Venmo**
Contact Kathy Strecker via email at sunnysidemg.youthgarden@gmail.com
or by text or phone at (502) 593-6027
regarding digital payment methods or any other questions about the program

Complete the following pages and keep this page for your reference

2026 Youth Master Gardener Program Application

Child's Legal Name: _____ Age: _____

Preferred Name: _____

School Name: _____ Grade in fall of 2026: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

Email: _____

Notification of Allergy/Medical Issues: Many of the weekly presentations involve tasting fruits, nuts, herbs, and vegetables in order to increase awareness and solidify the lesson of the day. Please indicate below if your child has **any food allergies or sensitivities**. If there are any other medical issues of which Sunnyside Master Gardeners need to be aware of, please list those below as well. (*Please be specific.*)

2026 Youth Master Gardener Program Liability Release Statement

I understand that participating in gardening activities can involve certain risks to my child. On behalf of my child, I accept those risks. I hereby release and discharge Purdue University, the Trustees of Purdue University, the Floyd County Commissioners, the Floyd County Cooperative Extension Service, and each of their trustees, officers, appointees, agents, employers, and volunteers, including Sunnyside Master Gardeners ("Released Parties") from all claims which my child or I might have for any injury or harm to my child, including death, arising out of my child's participation in any activity related to the Youth Master Gardener Program.

I(we) understand, agree to abide by, follow, and comply with the rules, policies, and expectations for the Youth Master Gardener Program and will conduct myself(ourselves) in a courteous and respectful manner by exhibiting good sportsmanship and being a positive role model for youth. I(we) understand that failing to do so will constitute grounds for sanctions and/or dismissal for the participant from the program.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

I understand that my typed name represents my legal signature.

2026 Youth Master Gardener Photo Release Permission

During the Youth Master Gardener Program, we will be taking photographs of the children at work in the garden and participating in the instructional programs. Some photos may be used on social media or other forms of promotion. Occasionally the newspaper may run an article on the Program and ask to use photos taken by them or by us. To this end, we require your consent and signature so that we know we have your permission to use the photos in advertising and promoting the program. The student's name is never used.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

I understand that my typed name represents my legal signature.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up

Children will need to be delivered to the Georgetown Optimist Club **no later than 8:55 AM** each Monday morning when the program is in session so that the class may begin promptly at 9 AM. **Pick up is at noon** of the same day. In order to assure that Sunnyside Master Gardeners are aware of your wishes with regard to pick up, please list below the name and relationship to the child of each person who is allowed to pick up your child/children. Please contact us in advance if someone else needs to be added to the list.

Name(s): _____ **Relationship:** _____

Summer Daytime Emergency Contact Phone Numbers

Please provide contact information we can use to contact you DURING class time if needed.
We MUST be able to contact you.

Name: _____ **Number:** _____

Name: _____ **Number:** _____

Name: _____ **Number:** _____

How did you hear about the program? _____

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Date:

Payment Info: