

LOUISIANA MASTER NATURALISTS OF GREATER NEW ORLEANS, INC.

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APPLICATIONS MUST BE EMAILED



APPLICATION FOR COURSE ENROLLMENT (WORKSHOPS & DATES ARE ON THE WEBSITE: louisianamasternaturalistgno.org)

The primary purpose of the LOUISIANA MASTER NATURALIST, GREATER NEW ORLEANS CHAPTER (LMNGNO) is to offer a program that educates Louisiana citizens about their precious flora and fauna, as well as other aspects of their environment and ecosystems. Once certified, the certified Louisiana Master Naturalists are required to use their talents to educate others or assist programs that promote and protect Louisiana's natural heritage.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I AM APPLYING FOR THE FOLLOWING COURSE:

Next available FALL ____ Next available SPRING ____ ALL UPCOMING ____

We allow you to select since Spring courses are taught on Saturdays and Fall courses are taught on Fridays.

Acceptance into the Louisiana Master Naturalist Program is based on your interest and qualifications. Training will be limited to 25 or so individuals per course. If more than the limit of applications is received, then individuals will generally be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis.

Two months before the beginning of the course into which you've been accepted, you will be required to pay a \$250.00 course fee (**DO NOT SEND PAYMENT WITH THIS APPLICATION**) that covers the cost of training materials and related costs. Once certified, you will be offered a \$25 refund (for those not completing certification, this money will be placed in a scholarship fund), and you will receive one year's paid membership valued at \$25. NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE FOR ANY REASON WITHIN ONE MONTH OF COMMENCEMENT OF THE COURSE AND/OR DURING THE COURSE.

Trainees are required to attend a minimum of 7 of the 9 training workshops (plus the introductory and final/closure workshops).

Topics to be covered during training may include:

- Orientation & Introduction to the LMNGNO
- Ecological Concepts
- Ecological Regions of Louisiana
- Ecosystem Management
- Geology & Soils of Louisiana
- Nature and Naming
- Plants
- Ornithology
- Herpetology & Ichthyology
- Mammalogy
- Entomology, spiders, & other invertebrates
- Archeology
- Forest Ecology & Management
- Urban Forestry
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Certification (family is welcome to attend)

NOTE: These topics will be folded into a curriculum appropriate for the required training program.

Upon graduation, I agree to annually give 20 hours of volunteer service through the Louisiana Master Naturalist of

Greater New Orleans program. I understand that this volunteer service may be performed in any venue that enhances the public understanding of Louisiana's natural heritage, subject to the approval of the LMNGNO Certification Committee. I also understand that I have to annually complete 8 hours of continuing education in the field of natural history. Annual membership dues of \$25 are also required. Satisfying these requirements results in certification as a Louisiana Master Naturalist.

BACKGROUND CHECK

LMNGNO will perform an on-line check to verify that you are qualified to work with the public.

VOLUNTEER CODE OF CONDUCT

Volunteers will positively represent the LMNGNO and its affiliates in a responsible and timely manner during the tenure and duration of their volunteer engagement. Volunteers will conduct themselves in a courteous, caring, responsible manner with focus on respect, trustworthiness, fairness, and good citizenship. Volunteers are expected to respect, adhere to and enforce the rules, policies and guidelines set forth by the LMNGNO and its affiliates and any programs to which they are specifically assigned. Volunteers should not commit unlawful acts and are expected to comply with equal opportunity and antidiscrimination laws. Volunteers will operate machinery, vehicles and other equipment, when applicable, in a responsible and safe manner.

FINAL COMMENTS AND ACCEPTANCE

The title "Louisiana Master Naturalist" is not to be used for any commercial purposes. LMNGNO nametags should be worn only in appropriate natural history situations. If in doubt, check with the LMNGNO Certification Chair.

My signature is verification that I have read and understand the above guidelines and am willing to abide by the specified rules. I certify that the information set forth in my application is true and accurate, and I authorize the LMNGNO and/or its affiliates to verify the information. I also certify that I am at least 18 years old.

For the eApplication, your "signature" should be your complete name in all caps.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

APPLICATIONS MAY BE SUBMITTED AT ANY TIME, BUT DATE OF RECEIPT (NOT THE DATE ON THIS eAPPLICATION) IS AN IMPORTANT CRITERION FOR SELECTION.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE EMAILED TO LaMasterNatGNO@GMAIL.COM (they may NOT be snail mailed or hand delivered). If you do not receive emailed verification of the receipt of your application, you MUST assume it was NOT received and send another email asking for verification.

WHEN WILL YOU BE NOTIFIED?

Applicants who are selected for the Fall or Spring Courses will be notified as soon as they are assigned to a class. **Watch your email for notification and instructions.**

Those on the waiting list will be notified soon thereafter, and we hope another course will interest you. We are keeping the group to about 25 people, so we unfortunately can't accept everyone who has applied. We do hope you persist as we go through these early years with high demand.

QUESTIONS? LaMasterNatGNO@gmail.com.

PERSONAL EXPERIENCE AND INTERESTS:

Please be specific in providing all of the following information.

1. Why do you want to become a certified Louisiana Master Naturalist?

2. In what areas of natural history and/or the environment/conservation are you especially interested?

3. Please list some of your hobbies or talents, including natural history or otherwise.

4. Please list any civic, natural history, or other groups in which you are or have been a member, and any office held or activity you participated in while a member of the organization (add a sheet if necessary).

Group	Office Held or Activity	Years

5. Please list any other volunteer work you have done (add a sheet if necessary).

For Whom	Type of work	Years

6. Please list skills that you possess which could be used to strengthen our LMNGNO program (example: writing, editing, public speaking, coordination or management of other volunteers, woodcraft, electronics, graphic design, computer word processing, data entry or web page maintenance, etc).

7. What is your current and/or recent occupation(s)?

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