



CITIZEN FORESTER APPLICATION



Mission Statement: “To provide professional training to motivated volunteers in all aspects of the urban forest environment, in order that they might become assets to their communities in the care and maintenance of public trees.”

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 #: _____

INTERESTS:

1.) What specific interests, experience, talents or skills do you possess that you feel would assist you in becoming a Certified Citizen Forester and contribute toward fulfilling the Mission Statement of the Citizen Forester Program? Please explain (Use back if necessary) _____

2.) Do you belong to any other volunteer organizations? If so, what are they, and what have you gained by your association with these organizations. _____

3.) How did you learn about the Citizen Forester program? _____

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT:

1.) In addition to the training received, you are expected to complete a minimum of 25 hours of community service, in the same calendar year in which you complete your class work, towards tree related projects on public property.

If you have a local contact in your city, county, or other qualifying organization where you feel that you could volunteer to complete your volunteer hours with appropriate supervision, please identify them, including contact information, in the space at the end of this question. They will be contacted to provide written confirmation of appropriate volunteer opportunities and agreement for supervision. If you wish assistance for local opportunities, please contact the Citizen Forester program coordinator at citizenforester@ctufc.org.

If we are unable to arrange local volunteer opportunities, are you agreeable to travel to Tarrant County, primarily the City of Fort Worth, to serve your volunteer hours. If so, please initial here_____.

If you elect to serve your volunteer hours in Tarrant County, the City of Fort Worth, appropriate supervision will be provided.

Local contact, if applicable_____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

I understand that to become a 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 25 volunteer hours on projects that involve trees on public property by December 31 of the training year. Initial:_____

I understand that during the field training component of the program, 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:_____

I am aware that there is a \$50 registration fee upon acceptance into the program to help defray related training expenses, and I will sign a volunteer agreement with the Cross Timbers Urban Forestry Council. 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. 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 understand that to maintain my Certified Citizen Forester designation, I will meet the annual volunteer hour requirements of 20 hours, including 5 hours of Continuing Education Credits. Initial:_____

Applicant’s signature _____ Printed Name _____ Date _____

Application Deadline: Friday, December 31, 2010	
MAIL: ATTN: Citizen Forester 2525 Joe B Rushing Rd Fort Worth, TX 76119	FAX: 817-392-5724 ATTN: Citizen Forester

★ Please contact citizenforester@ctufc.org or 817-392-5738 or 817-531-3119 for any questions or concerns that arise in completing this application. ★