



# Minnesota Tree Care Advisor 2018 Core Course Application

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## Section 1: Basic Information

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

1. I have fully read “Become a Tree Care Advisor” and agree to function as a Tree Care Advisor as described (access: <http://mntca.umn.edu/tree-care-advisor/become-tree-care-advisor>)

Yes

No

2. There are two tracks: **Volunteer** and **Professional Development**. Under the Volunteer track, I agree to complete a minimum of 25 volunteer hours each year. Under the Professional Development track, no volunteer hours are requested but the cost is substantially greater.

Volunteer track (\$170)

Professional Development track (\$455)

3. I understand that as a Volunteer, I must complete 4 hours of continuing education yearly to update my status as an active Tree Care Advisor.

Yes

No

4. I understand that I must attend all required classes in the Core Course program and complete all assignments.

Yes

No

5. I understand that the Core Course will consist of an online portion; I will have internet access to complete all online work and assignments.

Yes

No

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## **Section 2: Relevant Background/Experience**

1. Are you a:

ISA Certified Arborist

Minnesota Certified Tree Inspector

MNLA Certified Professional

2. Do you have:

Post-secondary degree or certificate in:

Natural Resources

Urban Forestry

Horticulture

Botany (any plant science)

Forestry

Technical experience in:

G.I.S.

Website development/mgmt

Work experience at:

Tree Nursery

Extension

Garden Centers

Nature Conservancy

Tree Care Company

DNR

Municipal Forestry

Any state or federal agency

Development/fundraising experience

3. What areas of horticulture/tree and shrub care do you feel that you have developed skills or an expertise in?

4. Do you have previous volunteer experience in/with (check all that apply):

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nature classes             | <input type="checkbox"/> Master Naturalist           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching:                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Advisory boards             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adults                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Master Gardener             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification events       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arbor Day events           | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean-up events             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Earth Day events           | <input type="checkbox"/> Invasive species management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Steward Program       | <input type="checkbox"/> Citizen Pruner Program      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Pest First Detector | <input type="checkbox"/> Docent                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NGOs or Non-Profits:       | If so, where: _____                                  |

Please list: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Are you fluent in any other language(s)?

- No
- Yes

Please List: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Section 3: Volunteer Interests**

1. Where are you willing to volunteer? (respond to all that apply)

- Community (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_
- County (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_
- Region (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_
- Statewide

2. What areas of horticulture/tree and shrub care are you interested in? Check all that apply.

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Edibles                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Diseases                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Natives                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Plant stresses (e.g. extreme drought) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Invasives                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect pests (e.g. Emerald Ash Borer) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plant placement/recommendation | <input type="checkbox"/> Pathogens (e.g. Dutch Elm Disease)    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pruning techniques             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                          |

3. What volunteer opportunities interest you? Check all that apply. *\*These opportunities are not guaranteed, though all efforts will be made to help match you with appropriate opportunities.*

Outreach:

- Tabling events
- Writing articles
- Contributing to social media
- Guest spot on radio/talk shows
- Creating educational materials
- Answering the Outreach Line

Teaching:

- Adults
- Youth

Events:

- Invasive removal
- Restoration
- Clean-up
- Arbor Month
- Earth Day

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#### **Section 4: Core Course Class Selection**

The Tree Care Advisor Core Course includes 21 hours of in-person participation and roughly 18 hours of online education. Each Core Course offering is limited to a minimum of 10 people and a maximum of 20 people to ensure individualized attention. You must complete all “modules” of the Core Course in order to become a Tree Care Advisor. Please see “2018 Core Course Curriculum” to view all modules, or topics, covered in the course and “2018 Core Course Schedule Break Down” to view which modules will be covered on a specific date.

For ease of registration, we urge you to choose one Core Course offering by location and/or time. If, however, you would like to create a custom schedule not limited to one location and/or time due to scheduling conflicts, please e-mail [info@mntca.org](mailto:info@mntca.org) or call Ashley Reichard, Volunteer Programs Coordinator, at 612-625-2361. Ashley will assist you with the registration process to ensure you will complete all modules required and in turn approve your custom schedule.

1. Please select the Core Course offering that you will be attending:

**Metro Weekend Course – Saturdays (8:00am to 3:30pm):**

**DEADLINE HAS PASSED**

March 10<sup>th</sup>

June 9<sup>th</sup>

September 8<sup>th</sup>

**Southern Minnesota Weekend Course – Saturdays (8:00am to 3:30pm):**

May 26<sup>th</sup> - Mankato

July 14<sup>th</sup> - Mankato

Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> - Rochester

**Central Minnesota Weekend Course – Saturdays (8:00am to 3:30pm):**

**DEADLINE HAS PASSED**

March 24<sup>th</sup>

June 23<sup>rd</sup>

September 22<sup>nd</sup>

**St. Paul UMN Campus – Tuesday afternoons (4:00pm to 7:00pm):**

**DEADLINE HAS PASSED**

March 20<sup>th</sup>

April 17<sup>th</sup>

May 15<sup>th</sup>

June 26<sup>th</sup>

July 24<sup>th</sup>

August 21<sup>st</sup>

October 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Custom schedule – requires a call or e-mail with Ashley Reichard to confirm & select dates**

Signature of approval: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*If you are interested in attending in Crookston or Southern Minnesota and either the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> day don't work with your schedule, I can assist in finding another date/dates listed above that will cover the same content so you can fully complete Core Course requirements.*

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#### **Section 4: Agreement**

I have carefully selected the Core Course offering that I wish to attend in 2018 and recognize that this application acts as a commitment of participation upon acceptance of my application.

Yes

No

I understand that if there are less than 10 individuals registered for the Core Course offering I have selected, the offering will be cancelled for the year. At that point, I will have the option to either select another Core Course offering that works for my schedule or opt to pull my application for 2018.

Yes

No

I have read all of the requirements listed and agree to abide by them as they pertain to the Tree Care Advisor Program. I understand that the registration cost for this program as a Volunteer is \$170 and the registration cost for this program as Professional Development is \$455. *\*Do not send the registration fee until you receive notice of acceptance.*

Yes

No