

**OSUE Master Gardener Volunteer Program
County Standards for Excellence 2023
DEADLINE: March 31, 2024**

County: _____ County Coordinator: _____

Email: _____

Name/email of the person completing this form: _____

Gold Standard – All (1-6) must be completed to be recognized as a Gold Program.

Gold Standards	YES	NO	N/A
1) All active members have paid their 2024 state support fee by March 31, 2024.			X
2) All active members have reported their 2023 volunteer hours using Hands on Connect by Feb 15, 2024.			
3) All 2023 Recertification files are up-to-date on HOC. a) Standards of Behavior and Title Use Agreement b) Pest Management Policy c) Policy 1.50 - Reporting and Recognizing Abuse with Minors d) Volunteer Files are up-to-date and kept in a secured cabinet in the office.			
4) The county conducted at least one MGV Continuing Education (CE) program in 2023 in their county.			
a) Platinum Bonus: If a continuing education meeting was held in 2023, it was open to MGVs from other counties.			
5) Your MGV program participated in Grow Ohio or in some way grew or gathered produce to share with the local food bank or other organization serving/providing food for those in need. This can include teaching underserved populations to manage their community garden or grow produce at home.			
6) County Programs & Financial Structure – Answer one set of questions that applies to your county’s current financial structure (either a, b, or c, whichever applies).			
a) MGV funds are housed in an OSU Extension account.			
b) MGVs have their own, separate checking account but are not 501c3.			
i) Have you completed an internal audit of your 2023 finances?			
ii) Does your organization have a separate general liability policy to protect it and your volunteers?			
c) MGVs have their own, separate checking account and are a 501c3 organization.			
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ii) Does your organization have a separate liability policy to protect it and your volunteers?			

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Platinum Standard – 3 of the 5 listed below must be answered “yes,” in addition to all of the above, to be recognized as a Platinum Program

Platinum Standard	YES	NO	N/A
1) Did you achieve the platinum bonus for continuing education found in section 4a of the Gold Standards?			
2) Have you trained a new class of MGVs in your county (or jointly with another county) in the past two years (2022 to 2023)?			
3) Have you nominated a MGV for the Outstanding MGV of the Year for the state award in the past two years (2022 to 2023)?			
4) Have you nominated a MGV county project for the Outstanding Project of the Year state award in the past two years (2022 to 2023)?			
5) Have you nominated a partner in your community for the OSUE Friend of the MGV program in the past two years (2022 to 2023)?			

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