

Inner-city Coalition on the Environment (ICE) Rudy Novacek Memorial Master Gardener Scholarship

Omaha's Inner-city Coalition on the Environment understands the importance of gardening efforts within our urban neighborhoods. Gardens can foster a sense of community pride, provide nutritious food, and add beauty to outdoor spaces. Planning and maintaining a garden is a labor-intensive effort, requiring a great deal of commitment and knowledge. ICE recognizes that gardening efforts are most successful when the expertise resides within the neighborhood.

For this reason, ICE is encouraging neighborhood associations to select an individual to complete Master Gardener education. This person must attend 50 hours of education and commit to volunteering a minimum of 40 hours at the community garden. Activities could include youth gardening, vegetable gardening, flower gardening or other gardening activity approved by the neighborhood association.

In memory of founding board member Rudy Novacek, ICE awards a \$195 scholarship for a neighborhood member to attend Master Gardener education. To apply, please fill out the form on the following page. This can be submitted with all of the regular Master Gardener application materials.

If accepted, the recipient is required to volunteer their time at an inner-city neighborhood garden. 40 hours of volunteer time must be completed by September 30, 2009. Questions? Feel free to call Kathleen Cue at 444-7804. Applications are due November 1, 2008. These can be mailed or dropped off at the Extension Office, 8015 West Center Road, Omaha NE 68124, Attention: Kathleen Cue.

For additional information call Kathleen Cue at (402) 444-7804 or email kcue2@unl.edu.

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Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

The Inner-city neighborhood garden where I propose to volunteer my time:

Garden Address: _____

Name, phone number and address of President or contact person of the Neighborhood Association or inner-city garden:

Please describe your plans for bettering your inner-city garden/neighborhood by becoming a Master Gardener. (One to two paragraphs only; no extra pages please.)

If selected to receive the ICE scholarship, I agree to complete all of the Master Gardener education and to volunteer my time within the neighborhood as described above. Should I fail to complete the education and volunteer time, I agree to reimburse ICE for the total amount of the scholarship.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Neighborhood President/Contact: _____