Become a U.S. Botanic Garden Volunteer!

U.S. Botanic Garden volunteers have a common sense of purpose in identifying with the Garden's mission of demonstrating the aesthetic, cultural, ecological, economic, and therapeutic importance of plants to humankind. Have you ever wondered how you could be part of the experience?

Through their time at the Garden, volunteers develop new skills, explore their personal interests, and make significant contributions that enable the Garden to fulfill its mission. Volunteering is a great way to meet others and connect with the community. Volunteers must be 18 years of age.

Please note that there is no volunteer parking available at the Garden. We recommend public transit for volunteers.

To learn more about volunteering at the U.S. Botanic Garden, please review our Volunteer Program Frequently Asked Questions and current volunteer opportunities listed below. If you are interested in volunteering, please submit an application. You may contact Elizabeth Barton, USBG Volunteer Coordinator, with any questions by email (Elizabeth.Barton@aoc.gov).

Check out the USBG Volunteer Program Frequently Asked Questions

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The U.S. Botanic Garden is accepting volunteer applications submitted using the 'Apply Now' button. We are not currently reviewing applications or onboarding new volunteers, but will process all received applications when circumstances permit.

Horticulture Volunteers

The Horticulture Team is not currently recruiting volunteers.

Public Programs Volunteers
Discovery Cart Volunteers

- Shifts available every day during Garden open hours

Front Desk Garden Ambassadors for the following times:

- Alternate Thursday afternoons
- Alternate Saturday mornings
- Alternate Sunday mornings
- Alternate Sunday afternoons

DOCENT TRAINING

We are not currently accepting applications for our docent program. We will resume accepting docent applications in Fall 2020.

Interested in giving tours to USBG visitors? Join our docent team!

* Docents must complete volunteer badging and orientation
* Position Description (PDF)

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

All new volunteers must attend a volunteer orientation session and an accessibility training.

2020 orientation dates:

- Tuesday, June 9 (application deadline May 22)
- Saturday, June 13 (application deadline May 22)
- Tuesday, August 25 (application deadline August 7)
- Saturday, August 29 (application deadline August 7)
- Tuesday, October 20 (application deadline October 2)
- Saturday, October 24 (application deadline October 2)