



Community Gardens of Tucson

Plot Fee Assistance Application

To foster community spaces where all people are welcome to grow, share, and learn together

Welcome! Thank you for your interest in gardening with Community Gardens of Tucson! Our mission is to build community gardens where Tucsonans grow food, work and learn together, and nurture well-being in our communities.

Please keep in mind that, while we are fully committed to being as inclusive an organization as possible, applying for plot fee assistance does not guarantee participation as we balance a variety of needs, values, communities, and dynamics. The review and selection criteria used in this process are driven by a holistic acceptance model that utilizes a variety of social characteristics, with the intention that our decisions are as equitable and inclusive as possible. Because our program serves those who reside in, or are adjacent to, food deserts and who face disproportionate and often insurmountable barriers to growing and harvesting fresh produce, preference will be given to those applicants who most closely meet our criteria.

Our plot fees are designed to be both affordable and inclusive of the many individuals and communities we serve and are sensitive to the socio-economic status of these gardeners. The standard plot fee is \$22 per month, which covers the cost of water, tools, and other operational expenses. Plot fee assistance is available at \$16 or \$10 per month. CGT also has a limited amount of full scholarships, which cover all of a gardener's expenses and allow them to garden with us at no cost. Finally, individuals can apply for up to two plots using our plot fee assistance. Applicants accepted into our program will be notified by CGT as well as those who have not been accepted.

Monthly plot fee payments can be made by check, money order or cash. In order to reduce our administrative costs and operating expenses, we prefer, but do not require, that online payments be made twice a year (October 1st and April) 1st. If you need assistance with any of our scholarship programs or payment options, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Plot Fee Assistance Guide

Please use the following chart to determine your status in applying for CGT's Plot Fee Assistance Program:

BLUE - \$22 Monthly	YELLOW - \$16 Monthly	GREEN - \$10 Monthly or Full Scholarship
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I am comfortably able to meet all of my basic needs* I may have some debt, but it does not prohibit attainment of basic needs* I own my home(s) or property or I rent a higher end property I own or lease a car I am employed or am unemployed by choice including underemployment due to full-time school I have regular access to healthcare I have access to financial savings or an inheritance I have expendable income** I can afford an annual vacation or take time off I have access to family money and resources in times of need 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I am sometimes stressed about meeting my basic needs* but still regularly achieve them I may have some debt, but it does not prohibit attainment of basic needs* I own or lease a car I am employed I have access to healthcare I might have access to financial savings I have some expendable income** I am able to buy some new items and thrift others I can take a vacation annually or every few years without financial burden I am an elder with limited financial support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I am frequently stressed about meeting basic needs* and don't always achieve them I have debt and it sometimes prohibits me from meeting my basic needs* I rent lower-end properties or have unstable housing I do not have a car and or have limited access to a car but I am not always able to afford gas I am unemployed or underemployed I qualify for government assistance including food stamps and health care I have limited or no access to savings I have no or very limited expendable income** I cannot afford a vacation or have the ability to take time out off without financial burden I have high medical expenses not covered by insurance I am descended from enslaved people or Native American Indians I am a returning citizen who has been denied work due to incarceration history

*Basic needs includes food, housing, and transportation.

**Expendable income might mean you are able to buy coffee or tea at a shop, go to the movies or a concert, buy new clothes, books, and similar items each month.



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- Each gardener is required to fill out this application form, even if sharing a plot.
- Once approved, your plot fee assistance will remain in effect for six months. After six months, you must re-apply.
- Please submit your application to admin@communitygardensoftucson.org

GENERAL INFO

Name: _____ Phone number: _____

What are your pronouns? (Examples: she/her/hers or they/them/theirs) _____

Mailing address: _____ Email _____

If you intend to share your plot with someone, please provide their name and contact information:

Preferred method of contact? CALL _____ EMAIL _____ TEXT _____ WHATSAPP _____ Other _____

What is your preferred language? Do you require an interpreter? _____

What garden location(s) are you interested in joining? _____

What is your gardening experience? Beginner _____ Some experience _____ Experienced _____ New to desert gardening _____

Do you need accommodations to garden in a community garden? If yes, please explain:

Based on the plot fee assistance guide on the previous page, what level best fits your current circumstances? _____

CGT has a limited number of full scholarships (\$0/month) available. If you would like to apply for a full scholarship, please indicate here _____

How did you hear about Community Gardens of Tucson? _____

DEMOGRAPHIC INFO

This following demographic information will be used only to improve CGT's gardening program's and so that we can better serve and increasingly diversify our community of gardeners. The information will be viewed only by the Board and Contractors of CGT and will not be shared with anyone else. You are not required to answer these questions.

Please indicate what ethnic racial background you most closely identify:

- Hispanic or Latinx (Please specify (e.g., Mexican American, Mexican, Salvadorian) _____)
- Native American or Alaskan Native (Do you identify with a specific Tribe?) _____
- Black (Please specify; e.g., African American, Caribbean, Haitian). _____
- Asian or Asian American (Please specify; e.g., Vietnamese, Hmong, Thai) _____
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (Please specify) _____
- White/EuroAmerican (Please specify; e.g., Italian, German, Swiss) _____

Are you a refugee or immigrant?

- Immigrant
- Refugee
- N/A

What is your gender or sex?

- Female
- Male
- Non-binary
- Transgender
- Other

Do you identify as a person with a disability or are you a person with accessibility needs?

- Yes
- No

Do you identify as a member of the LGBTQ+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer) community?

- Yes
- No

Number of people in your household: _____

Please indicate which reflects your age range.

- Under 25
- 25 – 39
- 40- 54
- 55 - 64
- 65+

Before gardening with CGT, we require that all gardeners have read and agree to CGT's [Garden Guidelines and Policies](#). Please indicate below that you have read and agree to our Garden Rules and Policies.

- Yes, I have read and agree to CGT's Garden Guidelines and Policies.

Signature _____