

## Master Family & Consumer Sciences Volunteer Program Summary

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The Kentucky Master Volunteer in Clothing Construction program is modeled after other Extension master volunteer programs. This is a state interdepartmental program designed to reach both youth and adult clientele (4-H/Youth, Homemaker Club, and other community groups). The program is administered through the Cooperative Extension Service by area contact agents and managed by the area contact agent and the assistant contact agent with the help of an area committee. Although managed by the area contact agent, assistant contact agent and area committee, the program is made available to any and all persons. All counties are included in the program effort.

Lay-persons with basic knowledge and good skill techniques in clothing construction may make application for the program. There are 3 categories of volunteers operating under this program. They are: Volunteer, Master Volunteer, and Certified Master Volunteer.

The **Volunteer** can be anyone from the community who has an interest in the topic. This individual may receive some training in subject matter and teaching skills, but is rarely in-depth or intensive. The participant makes no formal commitment to give back information to the community/area and this person has no specific title. In addition, this individual is not necessarily recognized or identified as knowledgeable source in the subject matter.

The **Master Volunteer** candidate is selected for the program based on knowledge background and people skills. This person receives in-depth training in subject matter, record keeping, teaching, and people-oriented skills and also makes a written commitment to give back a specific amount of time, in the area trained, to Extension and the community. This individual will become known as a Certified Master Volunteer by the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service at the end of the designated pay-back period and will be recognized in the community/area as a trained professional aide.

The **Certified Master Volunteer** has successfully completed the 100 service hour payback in accordance with the MVP program guidelines and is recognized and approved as a "master" in the subject matter area by professionals in the field (state subject matter specialists). This individual will also receive a certificate and name tag verifying completion of the basic program.