Garden for the Environment’s

Get Up!
(Gardening and Composting Educator Training Program)

Fall 2022 Application

Please read the program website thoroughly before applying

[www.gardenfortheenvironment.org/getup](http://www.gardenfortheenvironment.org/getup)

**PROGRAM INFORMATION**

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<th>Program Dates:</th>
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<td>● September 10th - December 8th, 2022</td>
<td>Friday, August 12th, 2022</td>
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<td>○ Saturdays, 10 AM - 3:00 PM (all except 11/26) at GFE</td>
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<td>○ Eight Thursday evenings, 6:30 PM - 9 PM. This will likely be a combination of in-person and online sessions, depending on the ongoing COVID situation.</td>
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<th>Notification Date:</th>
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<td>Friday, August 19th, 2022</td>
<td>Sliding scale <strong>$400 - $550</strong>*</td>
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*Fee includes the book Golden Gate Gardening, a compost bin, and other program supplies.*

About the course fee:

Get Up! costs approximately $2,000 per student to conduct (staff time, guest instructors, supplies, etc.). We are able to subsidize Get Up! significantly through grant sponsorship.

We offer a sliding-scale fee structure to make Get Up! more equitable, as we recognize that there is a vast wealth disparity in the Bay Area that has been exacerbated by the COVID crisis. Those who can pay more allow others who may not have the financial resources to participate in Get Up!.

Many employers offer professional development funds – please check with your employer see if you qualify for this.

*We have several $200 course fee opportunities. Please indicate below whether or not the sliding-scale program fee is cost-prohibitive for you. If you indicate YES, respond to Question 10 below.*

- [ ] YES, the sliding scale fee range ($400-$550) prevents me from participating.
- [ ] NO, the sliding scale fee range ($400-$550) does not prevent me from participating.
**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Name: 
Address:  
City, State, Zip:  
Email address:  
Phone number:  

I have thoroughly read the general Get Up! Page including the FAQs.  
(www.gardenfortheenvironment.org/getup)  
☐ Yes  
☐ No  

*Please be thoughtful and thorough with your answers.*

*Please note that because of the ongoing COVID situation, city and state guidelines may influence decisions concerning Get Up! sessions. Your safety is our greatest concern, and GFE staff will make decisions according to these guidelines.*

1) **How did you find out about Get Up!? Why are you interested in participating in this program?**

2) **What do you hope to gain from this course?** This can be a type of knowledge, a set of skills, or a personal or career goal.

3) Get Up! is designed for beginner gardeners, but may be useful for those with more experience. **Rate your level of gardening and composting experience by putting a check in the column that applies to you.**

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<td>No experience:</td>
<td>Brand new to gardening</td>
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<td>Somewhat experienced:</td>
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<td>Very experienced:</td>
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<td>A little bit of experience:</td>
<td>Have dabbled in a home/community garden</td>
<td>Taken some classes or other education</td>
<td>Farm/garden/outdoor education internships or other intensive training experience</td>
<td>Professional gardening or garden education experience</td>
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Please elaborate on your experience, if you’d like:

4) The purpose of Get Up! is to organize enthusiastic, mindful, and skilled environmental leaders who are passionate about sharing knowledge related to gardening and composting with their communities. Why are you interested in doing this work?

5) One of the most important elements of Get Up! is building community by sharing information, experiences, and enthusiasm as well as working as a team, then taking this spirit of community out to San Francisco and beyond. Why is community important to you and what do you hope to contribute to the Get Up! class community?

6) Get Up! is a big commitment. There are twelve in-person Saturday sessions and eight in-person or online Thursday sessions in fall 2022. A maximum of three absences is permitted to receive a certificate of completion. Do you foresee other commitments interfering with this schedule or affecting your ability to fully participate?
7) This program requires participants to complete 50 hours of garden-related community service following completion of Get Up! coursework. As a garden education ambassador, you will support urban gardening initiatives at Garden for the Environment and/or possibly with other community organizations, applying your new skills and knowledge. 40 hours will be spent completing a project of your choice at Garden for the Environment or with another San Francisco gardening organization. Ten hours will be spent preparing for and co-teaching a two-hour, Saturday Urban Composting class at GFE. Do you anticipate any commitments this winter and coming spring that may affect your ability to complete this program requirement?

9) GFE strives for inclusivity and accessibility.
   ● **In the garden:** The outdoor classroom at the garden is wheelchair accessible, but within the garden there are several steps and many uneven surfaces. There is one all-gender portable toilet, but it is not wheelchair accessible. Microphones are available for instructors and students to use.
   ● **Online course content:** We will work to make all course content as accessible as possible. This includes Google Classroom access (where assignments and announcements will be posted) and webpage, document, and video formatting.
   ● **Course content:** We welcome and celebrate diversity of background, views, and contributions that Get Up! students bring to the group. While we provide activities, readings, and viewings that provide foundational knowledge on gardening, composting, and environmental matters, we encourage sharing of resources that contribute to positive and respectful dialogue, and the augmentation of knowledge and understanding of course-related topics.

   **In what additional ways can GFE accommodate your needs for accessibility and engagement, if any?**

10) If you have indicated at the beginning of the application that the sliding scale fee would be cost-prohibitive to you and that you’d like to be considered for the $200 course fee, please elaborate on your situation. You may describe the circumstances which impact your ability to participate, your financial situation, or anything else you feel is relevant. We will use this information to decide how to grant the limited discounted spots.

11) Is there anything else you would like us to know about you?

Please return completed applications to info@gardenfortheenvironment.org