

**JOHNSON COUNTY
K-STATE EXTENSION
MASTER FOOD VOLUNTEER APPLICATION**

About the Master Food Volunteer Program: The Johnson County K-State Extension Master Food Volunteer program conducts various activities in the community to provide research-based information on food preparation, preservation, nutrition, and food safety, along with other health-related topics for Johnson County residents of all ages. The organization is designed to expand the effectiveness and efficiency of the program services provided by the local Nutrition, Food Safety, and Health Extension Agent. The organization embodies the education objectives of the Johnson County Extension Council, cooperating with Kansas State University and the United States Department of Agriculture.

Guidelines for Extension Master Food Volunteer Program Participation:

- Must be a Johnson County resident and have a high school diploma or equivalent
- Must be interested in food, food safety, nutrition, and/or health
- Attend the required EMFV training program
- Read and agree to the Memorandum of Agreement and Volunteer Code of Ethics
- Complete 40 hours of volunteer activities by December 1, 2027. After the first year, 20 hours of volunteering and 8 hours of advanced training are required.

About the Training: Participants must attend the scheduled in-person classes held at our Olathe office. Training is held every Tuesday starting August 4 and runs through October 13. Classes are held from 5:30-8:30 pm. Attendance is required for all sessions except for pre-approved absences, which shall not exceed one. Approximately one to two hours of independent learning and activities will be required outside of in-person training. Participants must have access to a computer and the internet for the independent learning activities. The cost of training is \$125, which covers print materials, an apron, a name tag, food, and other expenses. Fees are due after acceptance into the program. Some financial scholarships are available. Contact us if the application fee is a barrier to your participation.

Thank you for your interest in the EMFV program!

Applications are due by 5:00 pm June 30, 2026

Please call (913) 715-7000 or email foodhelp@jocogov.org with questions and inquiries.

Interested in submitting your application online?



Scan QR Code

What experiences do you have volunteering or working with the community including schools, churches, youth, senior citizens, diverse ethnic groups, low income, intellectual or physical disabilities, etc.?

Do you currently or have you in the past belonged to any food and/or nutrition group affiliations or have/had any related certifications?

Is there anything else you would like to share about yourself?

Volunteer opportunities may occur during the morning, afternoon, or evenings Monday through Saturday throughout the year. Please describe your time availability throughout the year and any known conflicts that will occur during the scheduled training.

In general, times I am available for volunteer service include (mark all that apply):

- Weekdays during the morning Weekdays during the afternoon Weekdays during the evening
- Saturdays during the morning Saturdays during the afternoon

How did you learn about the Extension Master Food Volunteer Program?

Please indicate your interest in participating in the following EMFV volunteer opportunities. Some activities provide presentations educating our community, while some include a cooking demo &/or hands-on activity for participants, and other activities are behind the scenes. All activities are vital to the success of the EMFV organization in fulfilling its mission to the community.

Place an x in the box that matches your interest in that project.

	Very interested	Maybe interested	Least interested	Would like more info
Youth Early Learning/Pre-K: Activities may include Books & Bites (reading a book and preparing a healthy snack) or other educational games and activities.				
Youth 6-18: Activities may include hands-on cooking classes covering varying culinary skills and recipes, and interactive educational sessions.				
Adults: Activities may include presentations, food demonstrations, and hands-on cooking classes covering varying culinary skills, recipes, and topics.				
Adults 50+: Activities may include presentations, food demonstrations, and hands-on cooking classes covering varying culinary skills, recipes, and topics.				
Individual with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities: Support individuals through hands-on cooking classes or provide other educational activities to groups in the community.				
Low resource individuals: Work with food pantries and other groups supporting low-resource individuals, helping teach eating healthy a budget, preparing low-cost meals, etc.				
Community Outreach: Staff information tables sharing educational information or a healthy recipe with the public.				
Special Events: Prepare food or food displays for other groups or events, as requested. Examples include preparing appetizers for the arboretum or Extension's annual fundraiser.				
Content Creation: Create short videos, prepare recipes, provide kitchen tips, healthy eating information, etc.				
Recipe Writing: Develop new recipes or write, edit, and review recipes.				
Photography: Capture photos of our recipes, community events, class activities, and more.				
Social & Entertainment: Plan EMFV social events, annual appreciation event, and other gatherings.				
Community Education: Research, prepare, and present talks on various topics to various community groups. Plan, design, and construct displays, exhibits, handouts, and brochures to support EMFV activities.				

Memorandum of Agreement

- I wish to become an Extension Master Food Volunteer (EMFV) in Johnson County and will attend the EMFV training program to be held by K-State Research and Extension. I am able and willing to travel to all trainings.
- I attest that I am a resident of Johnson County, at least 18 years of age or older, and I have obtained a minimum of a high school diploma or equivalent.
- I understand that I will volunteer at least 40 hours of my time to provide or assist with educational programs and community outreach within one year of completing the training.
- I understand that I will become an Active EMFV member when I complete the required training and volunteer hours. To continue as an Active EMFV, I will complete 20 volunteer hours and 8 Advanced Training hours annually.
- I understand that I may not participate in the EMFV program for personal gain or for commercial/professional purposes and that I will not endorse products or companies.
- I understand that if I work with youth and to be covered under K-State Extension liability insurance, I will complete a Volunteer Information Profile and agree to a reference/background check.
- I understand that I will work under the supervision of the county extension agent and will provide educational programming and community outreach that supports the research-based mission of K-State Extension and the EMFV program.
- I commit to work as a team player for the good of the EMFV program and will work cooperatively with other volunteers, community members, and extension staff and treat them with respect.
- I agree to comply with the code of ethics, policies, rules, and regulations of the EMFV program and local Extension Unit.

In signing this application, I agree to all the terms as outlined in the Memorandum of Agreement and wish to become a Kansas State University Extension Master Volunteer with the Johnson County Extension Office.

Signature _____ Date _____

Publicity Release (Check one of the boxes below)

- I authorize K-State Extension or their assignees to record, video, and photograph my image and/or voice for use in research, educational, and promotional programs. I also recognize that these audio, video, and image recordings are the property of K-State Extension.
- No, I do not authorize use of my individual image or voice.

Mail or Email Completed Application To:

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