Welcome to the Growers Collective

This application helps Negasi understand your growing goals, your available space, and how we can help you prepare for a successful garden. No gardening experience is required.

Applications are reviewed for readiness, followed by a consultation and, when needed, a site assessment. Garden size is selected together during the consultation. Completing an application does not guarantee a garden installation.

1 | Applicant & household

Applicant name

_____

Garden installation address (street, city, ZIP)

_____

Phone number / Email address

_____

Preferred way to contact you

☐ Phone call ☐ Text message ☐ Email

How many people live in your household?

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 or more

How many household members are under 18?

☐ 0 ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 or more

Approximate annual household income (optional)

Collected for aggregate program data and grant reporting only. Income is not used to determine readiness, acceptance, priority, or garden size.

☐ Under $15,000 ☐ $15,000–$24,999 ☐ $25,000–$34,999

☐ $35,000–$49,999 ☐ $50,000–$74,999 ☐ $75,000 or more

☐ Prefer not to answer

Why would you like to grow food? (Select all that apply)

☐ Fresh food for my household ☐ Reduce grocery costs ☐ Learn to garden

☐ Family activity ☐ Preserve food ☐ Potential Mobile Market participation

☐ Other: _____

2 | Property & growing space

What is your housing situation?

☐ I own the property ☐ I rent ☐ Other: _____

If you rent, do you have permission to install a garden?

☐ Written permission obtained ☐ Can request written permission

☐ Not yet / unsure ☐ Not applicable

Where would the garden be installed?

☐ Front yard ☐ Back yard ☐ Side yard ☐ Other: _____

How much usable growing space is available?

☐ Less than 4 × 4 ft ☐ At least 4 × 4 ft ☐ At least 4 × 8 ft

☐ At least 8 × 8 ft ☐ At least 16 × 20 ft ☐ Unsure

How much direct sunlight does the proposed area receive on a typical growing-season day?

☐ Less than 4 hours ☐ 4–6 hours ☐ 6 or more hours ☐ Unsure

What best describes the area? (Select all that apply)

☐ Grass ☐ Bare soil ☐ Overgrown / weeds ☐ Gravel / pavement

☐ Sloped ground ☐ Trees / roots ☐ Other: _____

What water access is available?

☐ Outdoor spigot / hose ☐ Indoor water access only

☐ No reliable water access ☐ Unsure

Does the proposed area collect standing water?

☐ Often ☐ Sometimes ☐ Rarely / never ☐ Unsure

Are you aware of any potential site concerns? (Select all that apply)

☐ Construction debris ☐ Known soil contamination ☐ Buried utilities

☐ Heavy shade ☐ Large roots ☐ None known ☐ Unsure

Describe anything else Negasi should know about the proposed space.

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Optional: Attach or bring 2–3 photographs of the proposed garden area. Negasi will review site suitability and any necessary soil-safety precautions before installation.

3 | Animals & garden protection

Are there animals on the property? (Select all that apply)

☐ Dogs ☐ Cats ☐ Chickens ☐ Other: _____ ☐ None

Where are they usually kept?

☐ Indoors ☐ Fenced yard ☐ Outdoor enclosure ☐ Free roaming

☐ Other: _____ ☐ Not applicable

Can animals enter the proposed garden area?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure ☐ Not applicable

If needed, can the garden be separated from animals?

☐ Yes ☐ Would need help / materials ☐ No ☐ Not applicable

4 | Experience & stewardship

How much gardening experience do you have?

☐ None ☐ Beginner ☐ Some experience ☐ Experienced

Have you cared for a garden through an entire growing season?

☐ Yes ☐ No

What gardening challenges would you like help with? (Select all that apply)

☐ Watering ☐ Weeds ☐ Insects / pests ☐ Soil / plant health

☐ Harvesting ☐ Planning / time ☐ I am completely new to gardening

Who will handle day-to-day garden care?

☐ Me ☐ Shared with household members ☐ Another designated person

☐ Still deciding

How much time can your household reasonably set aside for garden care?

☐ Less than 15 minutes/day ☐ 15–30 minutes/day

☐ More than 30 minutes/day ☐ Schedule varies / need to discuss

What might make garden care difficult? (Select all that apply)

☐ Work / family schedule ☐ Mobility or accessibility needs

☐ Water access ☐ Lack of experience ☐ Other: _____

☐ No expected barriers ☐ Prefer to discuss during consultation

5 | Program commitment

The Growers Collective includes a 12-month minimum paid membership, monthly instructional site visits, required monthly gardening classes and growers' meetings, and grower responsibility for routine garden care. Initial installations are grant-funded; the installed garden belongs to the grower.

Are you willing to commit to the 12-month membership?

☐ Yes ☐ I need more information ☐ No

Can you participate in required monthly classes and growers' meetings?

☐ Yes ☐ I may need scheduling accommodations ☐ No

Will you take responsibility for watering, weeding, and routine care between visits?

☐ Yes ☐ I need to discuss what is involved ☐ No

Can you arrange access for scheduled monthly instructional visits?

☐ Yes ☐ Need to discuss scheduling ☐ No

Are you interested in learning about the Negasi Mobile Market opportunity?

☐ Yes ☐ Maybe later ☐ No

6 | Your goals

What would having a garden mean to you or your household?

_____

_____

What would you most like to learn?

_____

_____

Is there anything else you would like Negasi to know or help you prepare for?

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Applicant acknowledgment

I understand that this is an application for review, not a membership agreement or guarantee of installation. I understand that garden placement depends on readiness, site suitability, program capacity, and a follow-up consultation. I confirm that the information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant signature: _____ Date: _____

For Negasi staff: Date received: _____ Consultation: _____ ☐ Ready ☐ Preparation needed ☐ Waitlist