



ESCG Membership Application 2026

Open enrollment January 1st through April 1st

(Please Print)

Name 1: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____
 Name 2: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____



KGC MEMBERSHIP



Annual application required for all members

☐ \$25 KGC Individual Membership

☐ \$25 KGC Patron

_____ x \$25 = \$ _____

How are you making payment: ☐ ck ☐ zeffy ☐ cash

Membership includes: Access to all club meetings, events, workshops, and trips. Inclusion in all member email communications. Liability insurance and membership to the Garden Club of NJ. **Meeting Attendance:** Members are asked to attend meetings and Club events. **Committee Participation:** Each member is encouraged to serve on at least one committee, but welcome to sign up for additional. Committee descriptions can be found on our website. **Committee Lead Coordinator Option:** If you would like to serve as a Committee Lead Coordinator, please check your desired committee and mark the Committee Lead Coordinator box.

KGC Committee Selection (Please check all that apply).

☐ I'd like to be considered for a *Committee Lead Coordinator*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Keyport GardenWalk | <input type="checkbox"/> Speakers | <input type="checkbox"/> Drumthwacket | <input type="checkbox"/> Library Floral Arrangements | <input type="checkbox"/> Cuppa Cheer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Social media/Publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Plant Sale – Spring | <input type="checkbox"/> Plant Sale – Fall |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ESCG | <input type="checkbox"/> Grants | <input type="checkbox"/> Website | <input type="checkbox"/> Town Beautification. | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter – The Vine |
| | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Seed Library |



ELIZABETH ST COMMUNITY GARDENS MEMBERSHIP



Return all 3 pages and payment. Sign pg 1 & 3

☐ Keyport Resident (required) ☐ ESCG NEW member

☐ Returning 2025 ESCG Member - ☐ keep same plot - ☐ new plot request

☐ \$35 ESCG Membership: includes 1 garden plot - for an individual and/or a family.

_____ x \$35 = \$ _____

Optional Add-On for ESCG Members: ☐ Add \$12 per person to be a participating KGC member.

_____ x \$12 = \$ _____

To participate in KGC events you must be covered by Garden Club of NJ (GCNJ) insurance.

TOTAL \$ _____

How are you making payment: ☐ ck ☐ zeffy ☐ cash

Payment Options for KGC and ESCG checks to *Keyport Garden Club*, mail to P.O. Box 604, Keyport, NJ 07735, or drop off in the KGC drop box. Zeffy payments at www.keyportgardenclub.com. Membership is not complete until application and payment is received.

Agreement – I agree to adhere to the Keyport Garden Club Code of Conduct and By-Laws, available in full on our website. I agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Keyport Garden Club, its officers, directors, employees, agents, and volunteers from any claims, damages, or expenses arising from my participation in Club activities, events, or committees. I understand participation is voluntary and assume all associated risks. All individuals participating in club activities, including ESCG are required to be insured through Garden Club of NJ. By signing below, I authorize the Keyport Garden Club (KGC) to share photographs of me taken during club events on social media. I also consent to the sharing of my contact information with other KGC & ESCG members for the purpose of club communications, events, and activities.

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

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For KGC Use: Date Received: _____ Amount Paid: \$ _____ Payment Method: ☐ Check # _____ ☐ Cash ☐ Zeffy ☐ Membership Database Updated
☐ Gmail Updated ☐ Committee List Updated ☐ KGC New Member welcome ☐ GCNJ insurance ☐ ESCG Application completed ☐ ESCG welcome email sent

Elizabeth Street Community Garden (ESCG) Rules & Guidelines

These rules ensure a neat, safe, and productive garden for all members. Compliance is required.

The Elizabeth Street Community Garden (ESCG) is dedicated to maintaining an organic community garden that provides education, beautification, and fresh produce for its members. ESCG members work cooperatively to maintain the grounds and support a safe, welcoming environment where individuals can learn, garden, and grow edible produce and flowers.

RENEWAL PRIORITY - for returning gardeners in good standing—those who have complied with all prior season rules and requirements—receive priority consideration January 1st to February 1st. **OPEN ENROLLMENT** is from **February 1st through April 1st**. If all plots are filled, a waitlist will be created in the order applications are received and your check will be returned.

ELIGIBILITY AND FEES - ESCG is open to Keyport residents. Limit one plot per household, unless extra remain. Annual fee: \$35. No access until application is approved and welcome email issued. Optional Keyport Garden Club add-on: If you would like to participate in Keyport Garden Club events, please include the \$12 Per-person fee. This fee covers the required insurance coverage through GCNJ.

ACCESS

- Garden open dawn–dusk only.
- Gate code issued after application and payment approval.
- Secure gates/locks when entering and leaving.

BEHAVIOR

- Children should be supervised at all times.
- No pets. No smoking. No alcohol.
- Headphones required for music.
- Step away for phone calls.

COMMON AREAS & COMPOST

- Keep shared spaces clean and clear.
- Weed pathways next to your plot.
- Compost plant material only.
- Please use leaf bags for all organic material.
- Take plastics/synthetics home.

COMMUNICATION

- Primary communication is email and cell phone.

END-OF-SEASON CLEANUP

- Plots must be winterized and cleaned by December 1st.

GARDEN SERVICE

- 5 volunteer hours per year required, in addition to maintaining your plot.
- Tasks include mulching, weeding common areas, compost work, and cleanups.
- We will host community workdays the first Saturday of every month June through November.

GARDENING METHODS

- Organic gardening only.
- No chemical fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, treated wood, dyed mulch, or synthetic mulch.

HARVESTING

- Harvest only from your assigned plot and regularly. Do not harvest from another gardener's plot unless you have been given permission. Excess produce may be donated to the Keyport Ministerium Food Pantry (T/Th, 9:30–11:30 AM).

LIABILITY & MEDIA

- Signing the application constitutes agreement to hold harmless the Keyport Garden Club, ESCG, Borough of Keyport, and volunteers.
- Photos of members and plots may be used on KGC platforms.

PLOT MAINTENANCE

- Plots are required to be planted by June 1st and cleaned by December 1st.
- Unplanted or neglected plots may be reassigned after June 15th.
- Two warnings will be issued one week apart: no improvement within one week after the second notice results in forfeiture.
- For absences of 2+ consecutive weeks, arrange for a member to tend your plot and notify the Committee. No subletting or transferring.
- Notify the Committee if you cannot continue tending to your plot.

PLOT SIZE & ASSIGNMENT

- Plots are 4' x 8'.
- Assigned in the order received; returning gardeners in good standing have priority until Feb 15.
- If full, applicants go on a waitlist; check will be returned.
- Fees are non-refundable.

PLOT USE

- Plots active March 1st –December 1st.
- Members shall comply with all Committee directives for ESCG team cleanup commitment days, as well as all requirements for the year-end cleanup.

PROHIBITED PLANTS

- No plants/structures over 6 feet.
- No invasive species, especially mint, cacti, castor beans, poisonous plants, or illegal plants.

WATERING & TOOLS

- Turn off water, rewind hoses, and lock the spigot after use.
- Clean and return shared tools to the shed.

TO COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION

- Complete your information at the top of Page 1
- Select your option in the ESCG section on Page 1
- Sign Pages 1 and 3 (*original signatures required*)
- Submit paperwork with payment (*see Page 1 for details*)

Hold Harmless Agreement: All Elizabeth Street Community Garden (ESCG) members and their guests agree to hold harmless the Keyport Garden Club, the Elizabeth Street Community Garden, the Borough of Keyport, and all volunteers associated with the Keyport Garden Club from any liability, personal injury, damage, loss, or claim that may result from the use of the garden.

Assumption of Risk, Waiver, and Release: I acknowledge that gardening activities involve inherent risks and hazards, including but not limited to physical injury, death, or other harmful consequences that may result directly or indirectly from participation. Being fully informed of these risks, and in consideration of being permitted to participate in this Borough-sponsored activity, I voluntarily assume all risks of injury, damage, liability, and harm to myself and to any individual or minor child I may bring onto the ESCG property. I further acknowledge that I am fully responsible for the actions of any person to whom I grant access to the garden. I accept responsibility for any injury or damage caused by such individuals and agree to hold the Keyport Garden Club harmless for any claims arising from their actions. All individuals working in the Elizabeth Street Community Garden must be insured through the Garden Club of New Jersey (GCNJ). Any person who is not insured through GCNJ is prohibited from working in or accessing the garden. I hereby, individually and on behalf of my heirs, executors, and assigns, release and hold harmless the Keyport Garden Club, the Borough of Keyport, their officials, employees, agents, volunteers, and members, and waive any right to pursue legal action against them for any personal injury, death, or other consequences that may result from the use of this facility by me or my guests.

I/We, _____, have read & agree to abide by all the rules & regulations set forth above & I understand that if I do not comply with them, I forfeit my gardening privileges at the Elizabeth Street Community Gardens and will not receive a refund.

Signature _____ Date _____

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