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**A. General Information**

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| Name | Nickname, for Nametag: | | |
| Street Address |  | | |
| City, State, ZIP Code |  | | |
| E-Mail Address |  | | |
| Phone number  \*indicate preference | Home: | Work: | Mobile: |

**B. Participation Background Information**

***Feel free to use another sheet of paper if necessary.***

**1. Please answer the following questions regarding requirements for training classes.**

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| Do you understand the training and volunteer requirements of the program? |  **YES** |  **NO** |
| Did you attend an information session? (Information Sessions will be held in September, October and November but are not required for enrollment in the class) |  **YES** |  **NO** |
| Are you able to attend all of the classes/field trips as listed in the schedule? (Missed classes/field trips must be made up within a year of the end of the course.) |  **YES** |  **NO** |
| Do you have a computer or access to a computer? (Homework assignments will include on-line reading and video that may be difficult to view on a cell phone.) |  **YES** |  **NO** |

**2. Knowing about your previous volunteer experience (not necessarily nature-related) is important to our selection process. In the space below, tell us about your most recent and/or meaningful volunteer experiences. Feel free to use another sheet of paper if necessary.**

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| Organization | Activity | Dates |
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**3. How would you like to contribute to the Virginia Master Naturalist Program? Are you interested in education/outreach (e.g., school tours, classroom presentations, etc.), citizen science (e.g., stream monitoring, butterfly/bird counts, etc.), stewardship (e.g., trail building, invasive plant removal, habitat restoration, etc.) and/or administration (e.g. curriculum development, governance, etc.)? Be as specific as you can.**

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**4. How often and when are you available to volunteer? (Approximate number of hours typically available per month; also list seasons, day of week, and time of day best for you.)**

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| \_\_\_<1 hr \_\_\_1-2 hrs \_\_\_3-5 hrs \_\_\_6-12 hrs \_\_\_>12 hrs  When are you typically available? |

**5. In a short paragraph, describe why you are interested in being a Master Naturalist volunteer.**

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**6. List any background in the natural sciences, ecology, or the environment as an educator, student, volunteer, professional or other relationship, e. g. Master Gardener.**

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**7. How do you expect to benefit from the Master Naturalist Program?**

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**8. How will the Master Naturalist Program benefit from your participation?**

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**9. Is there anything else you would like for us to know about you?**

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**10. How did you hear about this Chapter of the Virginia Master Naturalist Program?**

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Date volunteer application received: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of interview: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date of reference checks: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Application requires further action:  YES  NO Applicant met qualifications:  YES  NO

Date acceptance letter sent: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date rejection letter sent: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of VMN Chapter Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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