

## Junior Master Gardener®

An international youth gardening program of the University Cooperative Extension network.



*Our Mission: To engage children in novel, “hands-on” group and individual learning experiences that promote a love of gardening, develop an appreciation for the environment, and cultivate the mind. JMG inspires youths to be of service to others through service learning and leadership development projects and rewards them with certification.*

### JMG® Program Numbers

- *40 states have implemented the JMG program*
- *28 Land Grant University Partners*
- *Programs in 8 foreign countries*
- *Approximately 950,000 youths impacted nationally in JMG in 2001*
- *Over 2.5 million youth reached nationally through partnerships with 9 national children’s magazines featuring monthly JMG activities/columns*

### Service Learning

Students use what they have learned to be of service to others. Examples of service projects initiated by JMG groups include growing produce for donation to food banks, community beautification projects, and class businesses generating funds for local charities.

### Student Recognition

Youths completing requirements in a given chapter or for the overall program earn certification awarded by National JMG Office and affiliated state partner universities.

### National Network

Twenty eight universities nationally implement the program at the state level. Texas A&M University serves as the headquarters for the International JMG Program Office.

### Organizational and Program Partnerships

National Land-grant Universities/Cooperative Extension Network  
National Wildlife Federation  
Children’s Better Health Institute  
SeaWorld  
National Master Gardener volunteers  
AmeriCorps Volunteers  
Keep America Beautiful – individual state programs  
State Nursery/Landscape Association Programs

### Teacher Training

Throughout the nation thousands of teachers and leaders are trained each year by national, state level and local JMG Program staff and volunteers.

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