Welcome to the Illinois Extension Volunteer Gateway!

We're excited to introduce the **Illinois Extension Volunteer Gateway**, a new and improved website created by Illinois Extension to make volunteering easier and more rewarding. Whether you're applying for the first time or renewing your commitment, the Gateway will help guide you through the process and keep everything you need in one place!

What You Can Do in the Volunteer Gateway:

1. Apply to Volunteer

You can create a volunteer profile, apply for volunteer opportunities in 4-H, Master Gardener, Master Naturalist or Money Mentors (opportunities vary by county), and even upload all your required documents—right on the site! Everything is online, so no more paper forms or mailing documents.

2. Complete Your Trainings

You'll have access to **Learn @ Illinois Extension (Moodle)**, where you can take you required Child Protection Training, and other online trainings, as available. And the best part? The system tracks your progress, so you don't have to worry about forgetting what you've completed!

3. Manage Your Profile

Once you create an account, you can easily update your personal information at any time. Whether you've moved or want to update your availability, everything will be saved and reflected in your profile.

4. Sign Documents Electronically

No more printing or scanning! You can sign all the required forms electronically within the Gateway, making it easy to stay up-to-date with your volunteer requirements.

5. Stay Organized

The Gateway is a central hub for everything related to compliance for your volunteer experience. It keeps track of your documents, trainings, and progress in one convenient place.

What You Need to Know:

• Create an Account:

Get started by heading to the Illinois Extension website and creating your profile. This will allow you to access the Gateway and begin the application process.

• Easy Renewal:

Volunteers can renew their required background screenings and documents electronically, saving you time and keeping your volunteer file current.

• Everything in One Place:

Your profile, documents, and training will be stored and managed all in one spot. You'll never need to hunt down paperwork again—just log in, and it's all there!

Why This is Great for You:

The Illinois Volunteer Gateway makes it easier than ever to volunteer. From applying and completing trainings to keeping your profile up to date, everything is streamlined to save you time and effort. You'll have the tools you need to succeed as a volunteer, and we'll be able to better support you every step of the way!

Ready to get started? Visit the <u>Illinois Extension Volunteer Gateway</u> (https://extension.illinois.edu/global/volunteer) and begin your journey today!

Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair Counties