



FRONT YARD AMBASSADORS RESIDENTIAL APPLICATION FORM

Application Deadline: September 10, 2018

Personal Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Property Information

What percentage of your yard is paved? Estimations are okay. _____ %

Please discuss your gardening experience and whether you have made any attempts to increase the garden space on your property in the past.

Are you the property owner? (circle) Yes No

If not, you will need the signature of your landlord to submit this application.

Applicant Authorization

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / 2018

By signing, you agree to participate fully in this program, including attending planning meetings, the neighborhood planting day, and providing long-term maintenance of your garden.

Homeowner Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / 2018
(if different from applicant)

Application Submission

Are you the Block Captain for your block? **You MUST have a Block Captain to apply!** (Please Circle) Yes No
As the Block Captain, you will be required to garner the support of a minimum of 4 additional homes on your block to meet the minimum 5 home requirement.

If you chose "no", who is your Block Captain? **(Required)** _____

Please submit complete application by email
to ashley.summers@sfgov.org or by mail to:

Supervisor Katy Tang
City Hall, Room 244
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102





Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

The Front Yard Ambassadors Program gives Sunset District residents the opportunity transform their front yards into vibrant, ecologically friendly and easy to maintain spaces in order to accomplish the following:

- Improve the pedestrian experience and demonstrate neighborhood pride;
- Provide permeable surface to take pressure off our combined sewer system and recharge our underground aquifer;
- Educate the community about what plant species are suited to our microclimate;
- Create new habitat for beneficial insects and pollinators; and
- Build relationships with neighbors and encourage the community to work together.

For more information and photos of Front Yard Ambassadors homes in the Sunset District, visit www.sfbos.org/FrontYardAmbassadors.

How do I apply? First, a “block captain” should be designated for your block. The block captain will be responsible for conducting outreach to neighbors and finding a minimum of 5 households to apply together.

What is a “block captain” and what are the responsibilities? Often, the neighbor who first reaches out to their block will become the block captain. The block captain’s responsibilities include: 1) submitting applications on behalf of their participating neighbors, 2) helping to coordinate an initial information meeting after the block is selected, and 3) helping to collect permit applications for concrete removal.

Can I apply if I am a renter? Yes! Renters can apply, but will need approval of the property owner.

What constitutes a “block”? How close do my fellow applicants have to live? A group of applicants should live on the same block. For example, the 1200 block of 29th Avenue would have all applications with a “12” at the beginning of their address. For unusual blocks (short east-west blocks or blocks with no homes across the street such as Sunset Boulevard, please contact our office and we can assist with determining boundaries for outreaching to neighbors).

Who manages the process? Supervisor Tang’s office coordinates community outreach throughout the application process. Friends of the Urban Forest (FUF) will manage the project once residents are accepted, including assisting with permits, concrete removal and planting. The garden will be installed by volunteers during a community planting event.

What is the cost? Residents chosen for the program will pay a nominal fee of \$100 to participate.

How do I get my neighbors to participate? This is a great time to meet your neighbors! Knock on their door and find out if they are interested. If your neighbors have questions or are unsure about applying, feel free to contact our office and we can answer any questions. This is a community-based event, and the more people that participate, the better.

Do I have to remove concrete? Yes. Removing concrete has the public benefit of taking pressure off our combined sewer system by allowing water to percolate into the ground. If there is no space to remove concrete from the yard adjacent to your home, you are not eligible to participate. Please contact our office if you are unsure about your home’s eligibility.

Who maintains the yard after installation? Program participants will sign a Letter of Agreement that they will maintain the yard as long as they reside at their current address. Garden consultation will be provided by FUF.

What types of plants and landscaping will be installed and what type of maintenance is required? All landscaping will be low maintenance, drought tolerant, and able to live in our coastal conditions. This type of landscaping does not require great amounts of maintenance. Initial watering is necessary to establish plants and yards may require some weeding and pruning over time.

I am concerned about gophers, how will my yard be protected? Every plant installed as part of the FYAP will be planted inside a gopher basket, which protects the roots of the plant from being eaten by gophers.

Other questions can be directed to Supervisor Tang’s office at (415) 554-7460.