

Definitions of Master Naturalist Certification Levels

TMN-In Training: Is a Texas Master Naturalist Member-in-Training or Pledge as stated in the TMN bylaws. They are a Volunteer Participant of an official class from the first day of class until the Trainee has either completed both the Chapter Training requirements and the chapter initial certification requirements at which time the Trainee should be marked TMN-Active, or until December 31 of the year following the start date of the training class (i.e. if the class starts on November 30, 2018, the trainees have until December 31, 2019 to complete their initial certification) at which time the former Trainee should be marked TMN-Interested.

TMN-Active: Is a TMN Program volunteer in the Pledge, Certified or TMN Member category as stated in the TMN bylaws. A person in this category is also currently a.) signed up as a volunteer member in a chapter; b.) has a profile in the Volunteer Management System; c.) has paid dues (where applicable) for the current year; d.) has completed all the chapter initial training and completed all the initial certification requirements; and e) has submitted service and/or AT hours for the year in which the last TMN Annual Report was submitted.

TMN-Inactive: Is a volunteer who is signed up in a chapter and in the Volunteer Management System and has not submitted volunteer service or AT hours to their chapter/program in the past 12 months, or they have not paid dues (where applicable) by December 31 of the current year

TMN-interested: Is a potential volunteer who has signed up on-line through the TPWD web site and has come through the VMS Inbox and has submitted enough information to the chapter for a volunteer record (Name, DOB, Address) to be created, or has not completed the TMN initial training or the TMN initial certification by December 31 of the year following the start date of the TMN initial training class.

TMN-Not Eligible: This category is for support people of the chapter who have system log-ins to assist with running agency reports but do not have a need to report service in the system. This category may include, but is not limited to, people such as honorary life-time members and members who are working on TMN volunteer service projects but are doing so as part of their paid job where their service may not be counted as TMN volunteer service. This category may also include volunteers who have been dismissed from the TMN program and who should no longer be reporting hours; the Notes section of the volunteer profile should be updated to reflect the reason for this status.

TMN-Advisor: This category is for TPWD and/or AgriLife advisors and sponsors.

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