

Master Rosarian Designation (MR)

Consulting Rosarians are among the most knowledgeable and active people in the American Rose Society. The ARS needs a well-motivated and educated group of CRs if the ARS is to continue to succeed in its mission. The MR designation was created to recognize those CRs who have made outstanding contributions as CRs over a significant period.

The MR is a CR who:

1. Demonstrates knowledge of roses and their culture.
2. Shows a strong and demonstrated willingness to share this knowledge with other rosarians and the general public.
3. Exemplifies the ethical behavior of the CR Program. The achievement of the MR designation by a CR is intended to recognize their outstanding contributions.

Basic Requirements

1. A minimum of ten years of continuous service as an active CR.
2. They demonstrate outstanding performance (documented in the nomination form).
3. They are an active accredited CR at the time of the nomination.
4. They show a willingness to continue to serve as a CR.

Nomination, Selection, and Communication Process

The District CR Chair creates a Master Rosarian Review Committee to review nominations for Master Rosarian. The Committee consists of the District CR Chair, the District Director, and at least one other person. The District CR Chair should serve as the Chair of the Committee and facilitate the process.

1. Each spring ARS announces the complete rules and procedures by sending each District CR Chair the necessary forms to use for publication on their District website and in the local and District newsletters.
2. The District CR Chair places an announcement for solicitations for Master Rosarians in local society newsletters, the District newsletter, on the District Website, and via email communication systems. The District Director and the local society presidents inform their memberships of the nomination and selection processes. There are no limits to the number of yearly selections of MRs within a District. If there are questions about a nominee's qualifications, the Master Rosarian Review Committee may request additional information from the author of the nomination or the nominees themselves.
3. Nominations are submitted on the official Master Rosarian Nomination form available from ARS Headquarters and on the ARS website. CRs may nominate themselves; be nominated by other ARS members; or be nominated by a Committee of their local rose society or the District.
4. Each nomination form must be completed in its entirety. While every question may not be relevant to every nominee, a Master Rosarian should excel in at least several areas. If additional documentation is needed or requested, the person completing the

nomination should ask the nominee. An incomplete form weakens the overall nomination. A 'yes' response is not sufficient.

5. The District CR Chair receives the completed nomination forms. The Master Rosarian Review Committee reviews the nominations for approval. The basis for selections relies on information provided in the nomination form and from personal knowledge of the candidates' credentials. Special consideration should be afforded to the nominee for filing Roses In Review (RIR) and District Annual reports (if required). Permission for deviation from the guidelines due to operational and geographic problems requires approval by the National CR Chair.
6. The National CR Chair reviews the decisions of the Committee and announces the final selection. The National CR Chair resolves any disagreements. Districts should acknowledge the new MRs at the district meeting or some other suitable event. All new MRs receive the MR Certificate from ARS Headquarters when paid by the district. An optional MR pin is available for purchase. If there is no appropriate District meeting, the announcements may be at the local society level.
7. Local societies and Districts are encouraged to publicize the names of those who have achieved the Master Rosarian designation.