



# FRONT YARD AMBASSADORS RESIDENTIAL APPLICATION FORM

**Application Deadline: May 31, 2016**

Applicants must have at least five (5) households on their block to fully participate in the Front Yard Ambassadors Program.

## 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: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / 2015

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

Homeowner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / 2015  
(if different from applicant)

## Application Submission

Are you the Block Captain for your block? (Please Circle) Yes No

*As the Block Captain, you will be required to garner the support of a minimum of 2 additional homes on your block to meet the pre-qualification requirements. Upon pre-qualifying, you will receive additional assistance in outreaching to your neighbors to meet the minimum 5 household requirement.*

If you chose "no", who is your Block Captain? \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit complete application by email  
to [ashley.summers@sfgov.org](mailto: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



For more information and photos of Front Yard Ambassadors homes  
in the Sunset District, visit [www.sfbos.org/FrontYardAmbassadors](http://www.sfbos.org/FrontYardAmbassadors).



## 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; 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](http://www.sfbos.org/FrontYardAmbassadors).

**How do I apply?** First, a “block captain” should be designated for your block. Applicants must have at least five (5) households on their block to participate in the Front Yard Ambassadors Program.

**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.

**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 permit fee, depending on how many residents apply. Permit fees can range from \$182 - \$245.

**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.