



Accessibility Options

Membership. For the Cost of 3-4 visits, patrons can access the Garden 362 days a year. Average cost is \$50-\$75 or \$4.17 – \$6.25 a month. Also allows free admission to over 400 other public gardens participating in the American Horticultural Society reciprocity program.

Discounted Family Membership. Annual family membership with Lone Star card or other publicly issued assistance card. \$20 - \$25 projected cost or \$1.67 – 2.08 per month. Reciprocity privilege applies.

Current Local Examples:

1. **MusePass** - Free family passes are placed in each public library in Fort Worth and can be checked out at no charge with library card. Encourages children and families to visit libraries. (Log Cabin Village)
2. **Single Use Free Passes.** – Distributed to City of Fort Worth Community Centers for staff to distribute to low income families. Encouraged use of city recreational facilities. (Dallas Arboretum)

Examples from Peer Gardens

3. **Museums4All.** National program allows families already enrolled in state assistance programs show their benefit card (looks and works like credit card, Lone Star Card in Texas) for \$1 per adult family admission fee. (Multiple Museums/Gardens nationwide).
4. **Event Sponsorships.** Sponsors cover transportation and admission costs (at reduced rate) for families from Title I schools and nursing homes to attend special events like Holiday Lights. (Huntsville Botanical Garden, AL).
5. **Give Back Days.** (E.g. Back to School). Partner with local non-profit “Kids to Love”, admission waived at Garden with suggested donation of one back to school item per person supporting the designated charity. Four are held each year benefitting different charities. (Huntsville BG)
6. **Blue Star Program.** Free admission to active duty military personnel and their families from Memorial Day to Labor Day (Indianapolis Museum of Art/Gardens, Garvan Woodland Gardens, numerous other public gardens)
7. **Selected Free Days.** First Tuesday of each quarter free, etc. Donations accepted on these days, corporate sponsorships for admission at reduced rates. (Denver BG, numerous other institutions)
8. **Discount Days.** Two for one adult admission, children free one day a month. (Fort Worth Zoo, many public gardens)

9. **Delayed Admission Fee.** Open 7:30 to 9:00 for free access to local residents, admission fee applies the remainder of the day. (San Francisco BG/Conservatory of Flowers).
10. **Free Local Resident Admission.** One Sunday a month, local residents admitted free with driver's license or other proof of residency.
11. **Free Summer Admission.** One week free each year during slower visitation. (Dallas Arboretum)
12. **Complimentary Student Memberships.** Students attending local higher education institutions can apply for free membership with their ID card. (Indianapolis Museum of Art/Gardens)