

PRIVATE ARBORETUM CERTIFICATION PROGRAM



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A wide variety of arboreta have been certified throughout Tennessee since 2000. In July 2018, the Private Arboreta Program was launched to certify private property with exemplary collections of trees. Please view our statewide arboreta and learn more about our mission to connect people to the amazing tree resources that make up our TN urban forests. <https://www.tufc.com/programs/tree/arboreta/>

PRIVATE ARBORETUM LEVELS

A tree is defined as a woody plant with single or multiple trunks capable of growing to a height of fifteen feet (15') or more.

Level 1 - 100 labeled tree species

Level 2 – 150 labeled tree species

Level 3 – 200 labeled tree species

Level 4 – 250 labeled tree species

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Care of the trees should exemplify current best management practices for planting, protecting and maintaining trees.

- Tree labels should not cause damage to the tree, and must be obvious and near the tree.

- Labels must have a botanical name (in *italics* or underscoring) and a common name. The current edition of Dirr's *Manual of Woody Landscape Plants* is the Style Manual for names and labeling format. Other descriptive information is not required.

- Leveled certifications include a one-time fee of \$1,000 (Level 1), \$1,500 (Level 2), \$2,000 (Level 3), or 2,500 (Level 4). Moving up one level will require both an inspection of the new trees and an additional \$500. (The cost of moving up multiple levels will be the difference only).

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

How to Begin:

Submit all documents (preferably) as attachments with the online application. Mailed documents are also acceptable.

1. Prepare a **Tree List**, presented alphabetical by scientific name (*Genus specific epithet*), with common name. Verify your list against the Style Manual - Dirr, not other books or local nursery/ garden center listings. We suggest you receive TUFC approval of this tree list before making labels. Send your list to **jillsmith.tufc@gmail.com**.

Next - After Tree List Approval:

2. Complete an online (or mail) **Arboretum Application**- accompanied by the following:

3. A TUFC reviewed/corrected **Tree List** using the same format as above.

4. A **60-100 word description**.

5. **Pictures** of the arboretum site. Please send a few photos that show the site's uniqueness and confirm the labels' format and installation.

6. Send a **check** payable to Tennessee Urban Forestry Council or **pay online** with application (see Fee Schedule). Fee is non-refundable.