



About the Society of American Foresters

SAF is the largest professional society for foresters in the world. The mission of SAF is to advance the science, education, technology, and practice of forestry; to enhance the competency of its members; to establish professional excellence; and, to use the knowledge, skills, and conservation ethic of the profession to ensure the continued health and use of forest ecosystems and the present and future availability of forest resources to benefit society.

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Accreditation by the Society of American Foresters is a significant achievement. We have worked hard to ensure our program meets the quality standards set by the profession. And, because it requires comprehensive, periodic evaluations, SAF accreditation demonstrates our continuing commitment to the quality of our program—both now and in the future.

Our accreditation is important to the constituents we serve. It means that:

Our **students** are ready to practice as soon as they graduate.

Our **local employers** can count on our program graduates to meet their needs.

The **parents** of our students can be proud of the education their sons and daughters receive and confident that their time and money were well spent.

Our **state licensure, certification, and registration boards** know our graduates are prepared to enter the profession.

The **postgraduate institutions** to which our students apply recognize our program for producing graduates with the skills and attributes required by the profession.

Our **institution** supports our program and provides the resources needed to sustain it.

You Should be Proud, Too.

When you choose an accredited program, you are choosing wisely. Accreditation assures that a program has met quality standards set by the profession. To employers, graduate schools, and licensure, certification, and registration boards, graduation from an accredited program signifies adequate preparation for entry into the profession. In fact, many of these groups require graduation from an accredited program as a minimum qualification.

Be proud to choose an SAF-accredited program. SAF accreditation is an important indicator of your program's commitment to quality and may be a key to your professional future. The Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) recognizes SAF as the specialized accrediting body for forestry education in the United States.

What is Accreditation?

SAF accreditation is assurance that a college or university program meets the quality standards established by the profession for which it prepares its students. For example, an accredited forestry program must meet the quality standards set by the forestry profession.

How are the Quality Standards Set?

The quality standards accreditation requires are set by the Society of American Foresters. This is made possible by the collaborative effort of many different professionals. These members work together through SAF to develop the standards, and they provide the professionals who evaluate the program to make sure they meet those standards.

Why is Accreditation Important?

Accreditation helps students and their parents choose quality college programs.

Accreditation enables employers and graduate schools to recruit graduates they know are well-prepared.

Accreditation is used by registration, licensure, and certification boards to screen applicants. Accreditation gives colleges and universities a structured mechanism to assess, evaluate, and improve the quality of their programs.

