

Eligibility Criteria
To Participate in the AAM Accreditation Program

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To participate in the AAM Accreditation Program, a museum must:

- be a legally organized nonprofit institution or part of a nonprofit organization or government entity
- be essentially educational in nature
- have a formally stated and approved mission
- use and interpret objects and/or a site for the public presentation of regularly scheduled programs and exhibits
- have a formal and appropriate program of documentation, care, and use of collections and/or objects
- carry out the above functions primarily at a physical facility/site
- have been open to the public for at least two years
- be open to the public at least 1,000 hours a year
- have accessioned 80 percent of its permanent collection
- have at least one paid professional staff with museum knowledge and experience
- have a full-time director to whom authority is delegated for day-to-day operations
- have the financial resources sufficient to operate effectively
- demonstrate it meets the Characteristics of an Accreditable Museum