

ARBNET ACCREDITATION FAQ'S

- How long does it take to process the accreditation application? **Up to 4 weeks**
- Is there a charge for the application? **No**
- Can a city with labeled species apply for an arboretum accreditation? **Yes**
- What if our arboretum is not listed on The Morton Register, can we still apply for accreditation? **Yes, and we can add your arboretum to the register at any time.**
- Is there a site visit required for accreditation? **No, not at this time.**
- Do all of our species have to be labeled to become accredited? **No, not every species needs to be labeled, however if they are not, a map will need to identify at least enough to qualify for the level of accreditation that you are applying for.**
- Are you accredited if you're on The Morton Register of Arboreta? **No, this is an evolving database of arboreta.**
- Our arboretum is governed by the university, will we still qualify? **Yes, in fact many of our accredited arboreta are part of a college/university.**
- If our arboretum is not in the US does our supplemental documentation need to be translated to English. **No, as long as you can show that the documents exist.**
- Once we become accredited through the ArbNet program are there any restrictions or rules that we must follow in future plans? **No, the accreditation does not put any limitations on your organization.**
- How long does the accreditation last? **Every five years the accreditation needs to be renewed.**
- Do we need to have a curator to become accredited? **No, not at a level I or II, only a level III and IV require a curator or equivalent.**
- Do we need a formal database of our collection to become accredited? **You will need your collection documented in some way preferably in a database.**
- Can we get approved at one level now and work up to the next level? **Yes, we encourage this.**
- Can a botanical garden be accredited? **Yes, as long as you have the required number of trees/woody plant species.**

- Can a zoo with a botanic garden become accredited? Yes
- Does our arboretum have to be open to the public year round? No, the requirement is only that you are open to the public and some may only be open to the public by appointment.
- What is the difference between the ArbNet Accreditation Program and the American Museum Accreditation Program? The ArbNet program is a self- evaluated program with minimal documentation required. The process takes weeks, instead of years.