

# Why is HLC accreditation important?

Accreditation is an assurance to the public that an institution is properly prepared to do its job. On a more practical level, the HLC and the other accrediting agencies have been designated as the "gatekeepers" for federal funds in higher education, including student financial aid. Accreditation is the gateway to participating in federal and state programs of benefit to higher education. Missouri S&T students receive Federal Title IV financial aid which would not be available without accreditation.