**F-1 EMPLOYMENT REGULATIONS:**
**SETTING UP A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION**

**Issue:**
Can an F-1 student set up/further the cause of his or her own non-profit organization?

**Statement from SEVP Compliance:**
An F-1 student may not be involved with or establish a non-profit organization without obtaining employment authorization.

**SEVP Compliance responses to specific questions:**

1) Do the regulations permit an F-1 student to set-up a non-profit organization in the U.S. without obtaining an employment benefit?

No.

2) Do the regulations permit an F-1 student to further the cause of his/her own non-profit in the U.S. without obtaining an employment benefit?

No.

3) Does it make a difference if the F-1 student is not receiving any compensation for his/her efforts?

No.

4) Does it make a difference if the non-profit is established in the U.S. but the F-1 student's role is limited to supporting the organization's efforts outside the U.S.?

No.