

CREATE AN ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

One of the best ways to ensure a successful event is to divide responsibilities among a small group of activists in your community and on campus. Some tips on creating this organizing committee:

- An organizing committee may be comprised of an informal group of student leaders, a sub-committee of an already established student organization, or a group of individuals who represent several campus student organizations.
- Consider approaching chapter leaders of local affiliates of national organizations such as the American Constitution Society, National Lawyers Guild, ACLU, Feminist Majority Foundation, Center for American Progress, and Sierra Club. Organizations like these are a good starting point for finding interested individuals who are likely to participate in a planning effort.
- You may also find it helpful to recruit campus organizations like the African-American Student Association, Muslim Student Association, Jewish Student Association, LGBT Student Association, Pre-law Student Association, environmental groups, and similar social justice organizations to co-sponsor or help plan your event.
- Campus faculty and staff, particularly those involved with related academic departments -- a public interest law program, for example -- may also serve on an organizing committee or co-sponsor your event. They will also be great resources for you in planning activities and thinking through what kind of program would be most effective on your campus.

Please contact studentactioncampaign@afj.org if you need more suggestions for recruiting an organizing committee for your event.