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# Organized Exclusively for Charitable Purposes: Nonprofit Formation and Formalities from an Accounting and Legal Point of View

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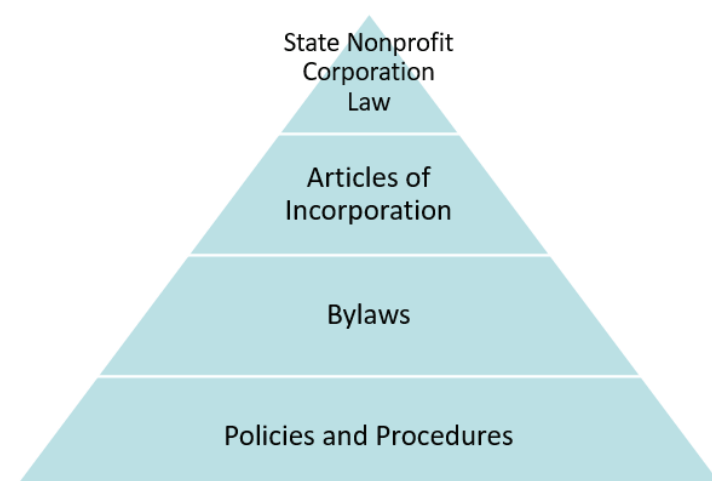
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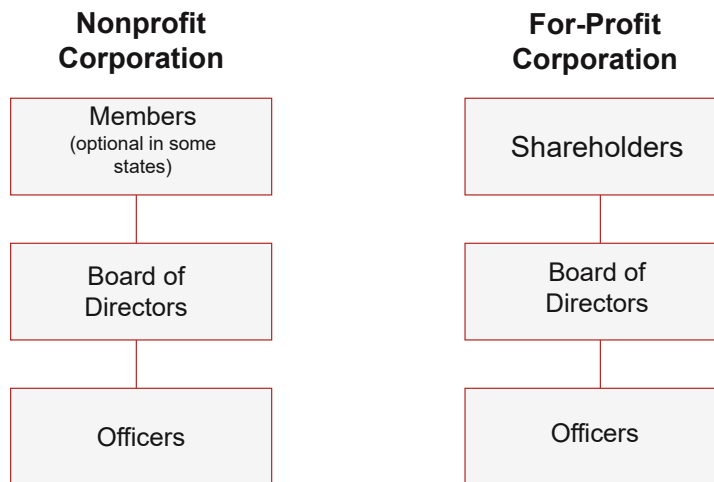
# What is a Nonprofit Organization?

- The term “nonprofit” comes from state corporate law
- An entity established under state law for some other purpose than making a profit and whose primary objective is to support or to actively engage in activities of public or private interest
- Nonprofits may be organized as a corporation, as a trust, as a cooperative, or they may be purely informal

## Legal Structure of Nonprofits



# Corporate Structure of Nonprofit Corporation vs. For-profit Corporation



## Nonprofit vs. Tax-Exempt

<b>STATE LAW ("Nonprofit")</b>	<b>FEDERAL LAW ("Tax-Exempt")</b>
Defines how the organization legally exists and operates	Determines how the organization is taxed

While most nonprofits are tax-exempt, there are “taxable nonprofits”

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