



NAVASA

NATIONAL YOUNG COMMUNITY LEADERS RECOGNITION

2005 Application Form

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DESCRIPTION OF NATIONAL YOUNG COMMUNITY LEADERS RECOGNITION (NYLCR)

Since 1995, the National Alliance of Vietnamese American Service Agencies (NAVASA) holds the tradition of being the first independent and only national consortium of Vietnamese American service agencies that provides support and technical assistance to its affiliate members by strengthening its national advocacy capability and promoting the integration of the younger and older members of the Vietnamese American community into mainstream American society.

NAVASA annually confers national community service awards to individuals from ages 18 to 35. NAVASA aims to nationally recognize young Vietnamese Americans who take part in empowering and developing their community in many different ways.

NAVASA calls on friends, members, and supporters of the Vietnamese American community to encourage and support individuals whom they know have worked or have been working, in the community to apply to this community services award recognition.

The Award Recognition is made possible and generously funded by the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) in Washington D.C through the National Ethnic Community Self Help Project.

PURPOSE OF AWARD RECOGNITION

The purpose of this recognition is to nationally recognize young and upcoming professional Vietnamese American leaders who have worked, and continue to work, endlessly in various sectors on behalf of their communities.

Through this recognition, NAVASA has created the nation's first Leadership Institute specifically for young Vietnamese Americans who have strongly demonstrated commitment, passion, and clear visions toward building and bridging Vietnamese American communities across the country. NAVASA's Leadership Institute will mentor, network, and nurture award recipients throughout their public services careers and to support their continuing contributions to their communities.

RECOGNITION

An award recipient will have his/her travel and accommodation expenses paid by NAVASA to attend the National Recognition Ceremony held at NAVASA Annual Conference. During the conference, recipients will receive leadership training and have opportunities to meet and network with distinguished leaders from across the country.

Selected recipients will become members of NAVASA Leadership Institute. NAVASA extends an invitation for recipients to attend future development, training, and mentorship and networking sessions. Past recipients have worked closely with NAVASA creating future award recognitions, conferences, and national programs to continue empowering and developing young Vietnamese American lives and communities across the United States.

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION PROCESS

You are eligible to apply to this Award Recognition if you are:

1. Between the age of 18-35;
2. A U.S Citizen or U.S. permanent resident;
3. Attended/Attending (private, public, or vocational) school; and
4. Contributing to the community through various past and present activities.

Application Process:

All applications must be postmarked by May 13, 2005. Late applications and handwritten essays will not be accepted. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.

Please e-mail karen.willard@navasa.org if there are questions prior to submitting the application. If faxing or e-mailing your application, please request a confirmation that your application has been fully received.

Send your application to:

NAVASA
National Award Review Committee
1010 Wayne Avenue, Suite 310
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Fax: (301) 587-2783

Email: karen.willard@navasa.org

NAVASA will notify selected recipients no later than May 31, 2005.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To apply, please submit the following information:

(1) Three Personal Essays (see attachment).

Please type all essays. There is no format limitation; however, each essay may not exceed one (1) typewritten page in length.

(2) Three letters of nomination (academia, community, and/or friend).

Each letter needs to clearly and uniquely support your application for this national Award Recognition. Each letter should explain how you as an individual contributed, or continue to contribute, to your community. *Please have each nominator include his/her resume along with the letter of nomination. Each letter is limited to one page.* Please duplicate form for each nominator (**see attachment**).

(3) A resume or a list of activities, including highest level of education, leadership training, and volunteer experience.

(4) Application form (see attachment).

