

National Assembly of State Arts Agencies

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2020 NASAA Gary Young Award Nomination Form

The NASAA Gary Young Award was established to honor the memory of a man who made numerous contributions to the state arts council movement in the United States, and to recognize individuals who carry on the tradition of leadership in the field.

Gary Young directed the Oregon Arts Commission from 1975-1981 and the Connecticut Commission on the Arts from 1988-1990. He was a NASAA board member and our president from 1986-1988. The award was established by the New England Foundation for the Arts; NASAA adopted it in 1996.

Criteria for Nomination

This award recognizes an executive director who has made a significant contribution to public support for the arts in their state or region. Ideal candidates exhibit exemplary leadership, innovative thinking, and a long-standing, sustained commitment to public support for the arts and dedication to diverse artistic expression.

Eligibility Requirements

- All current and past state arts agency (SAA) and regional arts organization (RAO) executive directors are eligible.
- Nominations may be made by any SAA staff or council member or any RAO staff or council member.
- All entries must be received by **August 28, 2020**.

Nomination Procedure

To nominate an executive director, complete the materials below and submit your packet following the instructions. Nomination packets should include:

- nomination form
- narrative
- nominee's current resume
- letters of support

Submission Instructions

Please submit nomination packets in one of the following ways:

- A single PDF file e-mailed to katie.hughes@nasaa-arts.org, or
- A single hard copy mailed to the address below. Please clip packet contents. Do not use staples, folders or binders.

Mail to:

National Assembly of State Arts Agencies
Attn. Katie Hughes, Development Manager
1200 18th Street NW, Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20036

If you have any questions, contact Katie at katie.hughes@nasaa-arts.org or 202-347-6352 x108.

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A. Nomination Form

Please complete the information below. Include this page as the cover of your nomination packet.

Name of Nominee:

Nominee's Title and Agency:

Name of Nominator:

Nominator's Title and Agency:

Nominator's E-mail Address:

B. Narrative

Please respond to the following questions in no more than two pages.

1. Summarize the nominee's current resume.
2. Explain why the nominee is an outstanding leader within their state/region and/or nationally, citing specific examples of leadership with their state arts agency and/or regional arts organization, the National Endowment for the Arts, and NASAA. Emphasize the development of programs and partnerships that are unique to the field or within the state/region, or that represent a major step forward in that state arts agency's or regional arts organization's development.

C. Additional Materials

Please also submit the following.

- Nominee's current **resume**
- **Three to four one-page letters of support** from the nominee's peers, community leaders and/or partner organizations. Letters should demonstrate support from colleagues within the state or region, and from peers within the state arts agency and/or regional arts organization field.

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