



2024 NASAA Luminary Award for Transformative Executive Leadership Nomination Form

The NASAA Luminary Award for Transformative Executive Leadership honors exceptional leadership by executive directors of the state arts agency field.

The award was first established in 1991 as the Gary Young Award by the New England Foundation for the Arts. It honored the memory of a man who made numerous contributions to the early state arts agency movement in the United States. NASAA adopted the award in 1996. In 2022, in recognition of Gary Young's legacy and leadership attributes, the National Leadership Awards Task Force changed the name to the Luminary Award for Transformative Executive Leadership (also known as The Luminary Award).

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 and inspirational leadership, innovative thinking, demonstrated commitment to public support for the arts and dedication to diverse artistic expression.

Eligibility Requirements

- All current and past state arts agency and regional arts organization executive directors are eligible.
- Nominations may be made by any state arts agency staff or council member or any regional arts organization staff or council member.
- All entries must be received by **May 22, 2024**.

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

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Submission Instructions

Submit nomination packets in a single PDF file emailed to katie.hughes@nasaa-arts.org.

Please contact Katie at katie.hughes@nasaa-arts.org or 202-347-7067 with any questions or if you are unable to submit your nomination packet digitally.

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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 Email 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, policies and partnerships that are unique and/or transformative to their agency, staff, state, region or the entire field, or that represent a notable 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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