

## **2017 Wai Look Award for Outstanding Service to the Arts**

Nominate yourself or someone you know!

The online nomination platform is available starting Monday, July <sup>31st</sup> 2017.  
**The Nomination deadline is Friday, September 8, 2017 at 11:59 PM EST.**

### **Wai Look Award**

Established in 2011, the Wai Look Award for Outstanding Service to the Arts is a tribute to the life and work of Wai Look, who served on the Asian American Arts Alliance Board of Directors from 1999 until her death in December 2010. She spent most her career in the arts, as an administrator and in artist service, and devoted herself to helping others. Ms. Look also strongly believed in the importance of volunteering, which was reflected in her personal, as well as professional life. The award is given annually to an Asian American who is making a significant contribution to the arts by demonstrating a commitment to outstanding service, advocacy and/or leadership.

### **About Wai Look (1969 – 2010)**

Born in New York, Wai Look was one of five daughters in a Chinese American family. She grew up in Queens and graduated from Sarah Lawrence College in 1991. Since that time, she held positions in management and development for the United Hospital Fund, the Arts & Business Council of New York, and the New York Pops. A longtime board member of the Alliance, Ms. Look served on the executive committee as board secretary. She also served on the board of the Artists Community Federal Credit Union.

### **Purpose and Criteria:**

The Wai Look Award for Outstanding Service to the Arts is intended to recognize and encourage Asian American individuals working as an arts administrator, advocate, leader or equivalent whose active participation in or for the arts has made a considerable impact. The award aims to illustrate the potential of exemplary work in the field and provides recipients with a cash award of \$500.

Selections are based on demonstrated and exceptional service to or participation in the field, the impact of the work and the potential for future contributions.

### **Application Components:**

- Statement on Nominee's professional line of work
  
- Statement on Nominee's efforts towards greater advancement in the arts in the Asian American community and/or greater NYC community
  
- Statement of Nominee's volunteer service in the last 5 years
  
- Statement why the individual meets the criteria of the Wai Look Award. Please include how the Nominee's work stands out and has impacted his/her organization and field

- Upload 2 supporting materials (Can be link to article, essay or video, etcetera, either written by the nominee or about the nominee)

**Eligibility:**

**The Alliance will receive nominations for the award. You may also nominate yourself.**

Nominees must be an Asian American based in one of the five boroughs of New York City who is:

\*an emerging or mid-career professional working with at least five years experience in arts administration

\*a volunteer for an arts organization. Volunteers can be in a leadership role, such as a board member or advisor

\*an emerging or mid-career professional outside of the field, but working to support the arts

\*a leader of an arts organization or organization providing services to the arts; and/or

\*a leader in the Asian American community working for the advancement of the arts

Current staff and board members of the Alliance and past recipients of the award are not eligible. The Wai Look Award for Outstanding Service to the Arts will be presented at the organization's fundraising event in October 2017.

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**Inquiries:**

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