

## **Ernest M. Pon Memorial Award**

Ernest M. Pon was an active and dedicated member of NAES who succumbed to leukemia in 1985, after a long struggle against the disease. Ernie exemplified the kind of person who dedicates their life to serving the Asian/Asian American community. Whether working as the NAES Conference photographer or in other roles, his calm and easy going manner made remarkable strides and led to achievements in the areas of bilingual cross-cultural education, counseling and Southeast Asian education. To honor his dedication to the Asian American community, to life in general, and to recognize his determined battle against terminal illness, the NAES Board of Directors established the Ernest M. Pon Memorial Fund. This fund recognizes and allocates monies to Asian and Asian American organizations dedicated to human rights and equal justice, as well as furthering research concerning Asians.

### **Nomination and Submission Process**

1. Nomination by a NAES member.
2. A letter of nomination (no longer than 1,000 words) detailing the nominated Asian/Asian-American organization's commitment to human rights and/or equal justice  
or
3. A letter of nomination (no longer 1,000 words) detailing the research of an Asian or Asian American whose work demonstrates a commitment to human rights and/or equal justice.
4. The nomination must be received on or before **MARCH 1, 2015**. Please send to **[JKim@ethnicstudies.org](mailto:JKim@ethnicstudies.org) AND [nbarnd@ethnicstudies.org](mailto:nbarnd@ethnicstudies.org)**

### **Award Details**

The **Ernest M. Pon Memorial Award** is presented at the *National Association for Ethnic Studies* Annual Conference and includes:

- A monetary gift of \$200 and a plaque

**For more information, please contact:**

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