



**34TH INSPIRATION
AWARDS YOUTH GALA**

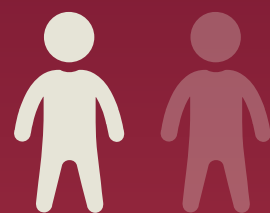
**THURS, APRIL 16
6:30 - 9:30 PM**

**CIPRIANI SOUTH STREET
10 SOUTH ST, NYC**

IGNITE

**2026 SPONSORSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES**

APEX FOR YOUTH EMPOWERS ASIAN AMERICAN YOUTH FROM LOW-INCOME AND IMMIGRANT BACKGROUNDS TO UNLOCK THEIR POTENTIAL TODAY AND A WORLD OF POSSIBILITY TOMORROW.



With **1 in 2** Asian American youth living in or near poverty in NYC



Our programs combine impactful mentorship with access to critical resources that would not have otherwise been available.



ABOUT APEX

Apex for Youth was founded in NYC's Chinatown in 1992 by five friends who saw that Asian American youth lacked the resources and support they needed to thrive. With a budget of \$2,000, Apex was launched as a volunteer-led 1:1 mentoring program to inspire youth to expand their horizons and envision what was possible for their lives.

Today, Apex is one of the largest organizations in the country serving primarily Asian American youth. Our staff of more than 45 equip and empower 1,000 volunteers to serve 2,700 youth across New York City and beyond.



THE NEED FOR APEX



Despite making up 18% of the city's population, **less than 6% of the city's funding goes to Asian American programs**, creating significant challenges due to lack of resources.



Adding to this need, **1 in 4 Asian American youth** in NYC live in homes where **no one over 14 speaks English** well or at all and lack the support of a caring adult.



Suicide is the **leading cause of death** for Asian American young adults.

APEX FOR YOUTH ADDRESSES THE ONGOING PERVASIVE NEEDS OF LOW-INCOME ASIAN AMERICAN YOUTH IN NEW YORK CITY AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

BE A CHAMPION FOR THESE YOUTH

PROGRAMS



Apex creates culturally-responsive systems of support for youth from elementary school to young adulthood. Based on shared identities and experiences, we foster transformative relationships with a community of caring adults.



ELEMENTARY ENRICHMENT

- Group Mentoring
- Family Programming
- Exposure to New Opportunities



MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL MENTORING

- 1:1 Mentoring
- Developing Self-Identity
- Exploring Future Pathways



COLLEGE & CAREER SUCCESS

- Navigating College
- Career Exploration
- Internship and Scholarship Opportunities



MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

- Individual Therapy
- Group Therapy
- Crisis Management

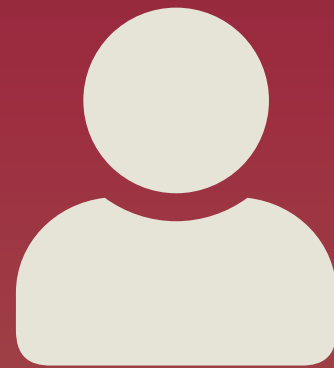


ATHLETICS

- Building Resilience
- Fostering Teamwork
- Skill Building

OUR IMPACT

Through Apex programs, low-income Asian American youth have the resources and support to **break through socioeconomic and racial barriers, creating their own future** with a sense of agency, belonging and confidence.



2,700
youth served



1,000
volunteers
supporting youth



100

families supported
through Family Night
or other Apex
programming



2K+

hours of total
programming and
services delivered



40K+

hours of youth
participation

OUR IMPACT



100%

on-time high school graduation rate, compared to 89% of low-income Asian students in NYC



100%

of youth were exposed to new opportunities and experiences at Apex



95%

of Apex youth built a relationship with an adult they can turn to for support and guidance

OUR COMMUNITY



“Apex is providing a space for [my kids] to not only thrive but to learn about our community and other communities as well. Apex is a place where you feel like you belong.”

–Wandy, Apex Parent



“My Apex journey began in elementary school when I first joined by playing in the summer basketball league...My community helped me feel comfortable, supported, and excited to grow my passion for the game. I built lifelong friendships, learned the value of teamwork, and discovered my competitive drive — all while being part of a community and culture that uplifted me.”

- Elissa, Apex Alum



“It's really empowering and rewarding to help someone — just open up the world, explore new opportunities, introduce them to new things. I get a lot out of watching other people grow and develop. Anything that's worth doing is going to require commitment, and now we're in this together.”

- Mike, Apex Mentor

ABOUT THE GALA



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FEARLESS



Through the years, Apex for Youth's Inspiration Awards Gala has become the premier Asian American gala in the United States. Last year, with 600 guests in attendance, we collectively raised over \$3.1 million – a testament to the power of Apex's mission.

As we head into our 34th Annual Inspiration Awards Gala, Apex remains more committed than ever to ensuring our youth can access the resources, mentorship, and opportunities they need to help them break down the barriers that come with being a low-income Asian American youth.



2026 THEME

IGNITE CHANGE TODAY

Help us light new pathways of possibility for NYC's Asian American and immigrant youth. Your support fuels programs that spark confidence, unlock opportunity, and ignite bold, brave progress for our community.



FORMER HONOREES AND SPEAKERS



Apex for Youth galas feature prominent luminaries and leaders in their field.



Eileen Gu | 2022
Olympian, Model



Gemma Chan | 2019
Actress, Producer, Activist



Daniel Dae Kim | 2021
Actor, Producer



Constance Wu | 2024
Actress, Author



Lisa Ling | 2021
Journalist, Author



Olivia Munn | 2019
Actress, Author



Phillip Lim | 2009
Creative Director, 3.1 Phillip Lim



Suni Lee | 2025
Olympian



Ocean Vuong | 2023
Author, Poet



Jon M. Chu | 2021
Filmmaker

FORMER SPONSORS



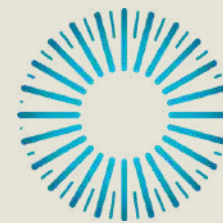
ALGER



AMC NETWORKS



Davis Polk



HERBERT SMITH
FREEHILLS
KRAMER

J.T. TAI & CO. FOUNDATION
Victoria W Hsu

Kennedys



Merkley+PARTNERS



Saks
Fifth
Avenue



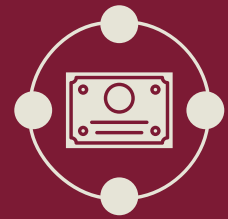
SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS



TITLE SPONSOR

\$250,000 level

SPONSOR INFORMATION



CORPORATE Sponsorship

Benefits

- Up to 3 gala tables (30 seats)
- Premium table placement
- Special recognition during the evening program
- Company logo on gala step & repeat, gala website, e-blasts, and social media
- Custom sponsorship activation opportunity
- Inclusion in event press release



INDIVIDUAL Sponsorship

Benefits

- Up to 3 gala tables (30 seats)
- Premium table placement
- Special recognition during the evening program
- Name prominently presented on gala website
- Invitation to private VIP post-gala appreciation event

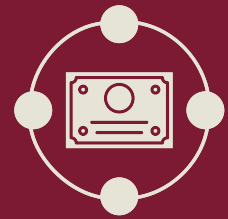
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CHAMPION

\$100,000 level

SPONSOR INFORMATION



CORPORATE Sponsorship Benefits

- Up to 2 gala tables (20 seats)
- Premium table placement
- Special recognition during the evening program
- Company logo on gala step & repeat, gala website, e-blasts, and social media
- Dedicated Digital Feature: An exclusive article about your company published on our website and shared via Apex's social channels



INDIVIDUAL Sponsorship Benefits

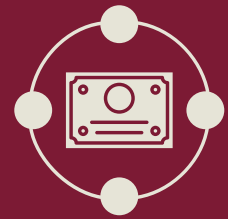
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LEADER \$50,000 level

SPONSOR INFORMATION



CORPORATE Sponsorship Benefits

- 1 gala table (10 seats)
- Premium table placement
- Company logo on gala website, e-blasts, and social media
- Inclusion in event press release



INDIVIDUAL Sponsorship Benefits

- 1 gala table (10 seats)
- Premium table placement
- Name presented on gala website
- Invitation to private VIP post-gala appreciation event

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BENEFACTOR \$25,000 level

SPONSOR INFORMATION



CORPORATE Sponsorship Benefits

- 1 gala table (10 seats)
- Company logo presented on gala website
- Inclusion in event press release



INDIVIDUAL Sponsorship Benefits

- 1 gala table (10 seats)
- Name presented on gala website

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SPONSOR \$15,000 level

SPONSOR INFORMATION



Individual & Corporate Sponsorship Benefits

- 6 gala seats
- Name or company logo presented on gala website

FRIEND \$10,000 level

SPONSOR INFORMATION



Individual & Corporate Sponsorship Benefits

- 4 gala seats
- Name or company logo presented on gala website

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MORE WAYS TO SUPPORT



**Sponsor a
table of 10**

for Apex for Youth
volunteers

\$25,000



**Sponsor the
Gala
afterparty**

\$10,000



**Purchase
an Individual
Gala ticket**

\$2,500



**Make a
donation**

of any amount
in **support** of Apex
for Youth

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BECOME A SPONSOR

IGNITE CHANGE TODAY

For more information about sponsorship opportunities, please email development@apexforyouth.org.



To be recognized in our gala materials, kindly remit payment for gala sponsorships and send approved logos by March 2, 2026. We accept checks, credit cards, ACH/wire transfers, stock donations, and cryptocurrency. Please note: Gala sponsorships must be either fully paid or confirmed in writing with remittance details prior to gala attendance. Event sponsorships and purchased seats may be paid in part by Donor Advised Fund, or Stock Donation, as long as the non-tax deductible portion (\$500 per gala seat) is paid via a separate check or credit card



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