

National Congress of Vietnamese Americans (NCVA)



Founded in 1986, as the National Congress of Vietnamese in America, the organization changed its name to the **National Congress of Vietnamese Americans** in 2002.

NCVA has become the major deliberative forum of the Vietnamese American community, a federation of organizations and individuals across the 50 states. It is estimated that over the years, some 200 Vietnamese American organizations have been affiliated with NCVA.

NCVA cooperates with the League of Vietnamese Voters in voter registration drives, and works with members of Congress to fight discriminatory admission policies found at some schools aimed at Asian American students.

NCVA rejects any long term dependency on public assistance. NCVA has underwritten several conferences on economic development for the community bringing together business and community leaders to exchange information, experiences and new products. NCVA is contemplating a national directory to foster more cooperation and awareness among Vietnamese American businesses.

State Farm® Background

State Farm began a partnership with NCVA in 2005. State Farm is a sponsor of the Vietnamese American Youth Leadership Conference where Vietnamese American youth from college to twenty-somethings gather for leadership skills and personal development training, along with history and cultural heritage awareness. State Farm associates present financial education topics focused on basic money management, and youth leadership development opportunities: Youth Advisory Board, Project Ignition, Service Learning, APIA U: Leadership 101.

State Farm supports the Financial Education Media Project which will provide financial education topics in 5-minute segments on VATV in English and Vietnamese. It is expected that State Farm Agents and other Associates around the country will participate in the broadcasts.

At A Glance:

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Fast Facts:

- 2005 – Vietnamese, Cambodian and Lao families were the largest APIA groups to be affected by Hurricane Katrina.
- 1995 – Minh Chau Nguyen, first Vietnamese woman elected to public office in the United States, City Council, Garrett Park, MD.
- Vietnamese American Youth Leadership Conference is the first of its kind to prepare Vietnamese American youth to become leaders in the community.

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