



Education Commission  
of the States

# Call for Nominations

- ✦ JAMES BRYANT CONANT AWARD
- ✦ THE FRANK NEWMAN AWARD FOR STATE INNOVATION
- ✦ ECS CORPORATE AWARD



## YOU ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS

ECS is now soliciting nominations for three prestigious awards from ECS Commissioners and other key education stakeholders. *All nominations must be received by October 24, 2008.* The ECS Nominating Committee will review the nominations and make recommendations for each award to the Executive and Steering Committees during the 2008 Fall Steering Committee meeting in Denver, Colorado on December 2-3. The awards will be presented at the 2009 ECS National Forum on Education Policy in Nashville, Tennessee to be held July 8-10.

### *James Bryant Conant Award*

*T*he James Bryant Conant Award recognizes an individual for outstanding contributions to American Education. The award is one of the most prestigious honors in the education community. In 1977, the ECS Steering Committee established the award in honor of its co-founder, James Bryant Conant, a great educator, scientist and statesman.



ECS 2008-10 Chair, Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty with 2008 Conant Award winner Ron Wolk, chairman of Big Picture Company, and founder and former editor of *Education Week*.

#### RECIPIENTS OF THE JAMES BRYANT CONANT AWARD:

<b>2008</b>	<i>Ron Wolk</i>	<b>1997</b>	<i>Claiborne Pell</i>	<b>1985</b>	<i>Terrel H. Bell and David P. Gardner</i>
<b>2007</b>	<i>Gaston Caperton</i>	<b>1996</b>	<i>John W. Gardner</i>		
<b>2006</b>	<i>Nancy S. Grasmick</i>	<b>1995</b>	<i>Richard W. Riley</i>	<b>1984</b>	<i>James B. Hunt Jr.</i>
<b>2005</b>	<i>Sharon Lynn Kagan</i>	<b>1994</b>	<i>Ernest L. Boyer</i>	<b>1983</b>	<i>Carl Perkins</i>
<b>2004</b>	<i>Thurgood Marshall and John H. Stelle</i>	<b>1993</b>	<i>Wilhelmina Delco</i>	<b>1982</b>	<i>John Brademas</i>
		<b>1992</b>	<i>Theodore R.Sizer</i>	<b>1981</b>	<i>Terry Sanford</i>
<b>2003</b>	<i>Roy Romer</i>	<b>1991</b>	<i>James P. Comer</i>	<b>1980</b>	<i>Ralph Tyler</i>
<b>2002</b>	<i>Robert T. Moses</i>	<b>1990</b>	<i>No award given</i>	<b>1979</b>	<i>Francis Keppel</i>
<b>2001</b>	<i>Fred Rogers</i>	<b>1989</b>	<i>Fred M. Hechinger</i>	<b>1978</b>	<i>Joan Ganz Cooney</i>
<b>2002</b>	<i>John Goodlad</i>	<b>1988</b>	<i>Lamar Alexander</i>	<b>1977</b>	<i>Benjamin Mays</i>
<b>1999</b>	<i>Frank Newman</i>	<b>1987</b>	<i>Marian Wright Edelman</i>		
<b>1998</b>	<i>Robert Slavin</i>	<b>1986</b>	<i>Harold Howe II</i>		

## HOW TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION

You can submit a nomination by fax or mail by completing the enclosed nomination form.

To submit a nomination by e-mail, please visit our Web site at [www.ecs.org/awards](http://www.ecs.org/awards). Please direct any questions about the nomination process to Heidi Normandin at 303.299.3629 or [hnormandin@ecs.org](mailto:hnormandin@ecs.org).

### *The Frank Newman Award for State Innovation*

The Frank Newman Award for State Innovation recognizes states and territories for demonstrated excellence in shaping education policy. In 2005, ECS named its State Innovation Award in honor of the late Frank Newman, ECS president for 14 years.

Criteria for this award include:

- ✦ Policies that are bold, courageous and nonpartisan, including new policies with the potential for large-scale impact and existing policies with evidence of continued support
- ✦ Education improvement efforts that are replicable and hold valuable lessons for other states.



ECS 2006-08 Chair, Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius with members of the North Dakota Commission on Education Improvement who accepted the 2008 Frank Newman Award for the State of North Dakota.

#### RECIPIENTS OF THE FRANK NEWMAN AWARD FOR STATE INNOVATION:

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| <b>2008</b> <i>North Dakota Commission on Education Improvement</i>  | <b>2003</b> <i>Maryland (Visionary Panel for Better Schools)</i>                             |
| <b>2007</b> <i>Alaska (for multiple initiatives)</i>   | <b>2002</b> <i>Alabama (Alabama Reading Initiative) and Texas (Texas Reading Initiative)</i> |
| <b>2006</b> <i>Kentucky (Kentucky Education Reform Act of 1990 and other initiatives)</i>  | <b>2001</b> <i>Georgia – Universal Preschool Program</i>                                     |
| <b>2005</b> <i>Florida and Utah (co-winners, for multiple initiatives)</i>   | <b>2000</b> <i>Connecticut – Beginning Educator Support and Training (BEST) Program</i>      |
| <b>2004</b> <i>North Carolina (NC TEACH) and South Carolina (The Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention and Advancement)</i> | <b>1999</b> <i>North Carolina – North Carolina Community College System</i>                  |
|  | <b>1998</b> <i>Oregon – Students Recycling Used Technology (STRUT)</i>                       |

## *ECS Corporate Award*

The ECS Corporate Award recognizes a for-profit corporation, nonprofit organization or foundation that has demonstrated a sustained commitment to improving public education in the United States. The award was created under the leadership of ECS 1999-2000 Chair, Wyoming Governor Jim Geringer.



ECS 2006-08 Chair, Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius with Jim Earnest who accepted the 2008 ECS Corporate Award for the Simon Youth Foundation.

The ECS Corporate Award is presented to organizations or companies that:

- ★ Support improvement that is consistent with ECS' mission and priorities
- ★ Support promising practices for all students, particularly those who are currently not well-served by the education system
- ★ Enjoy broad-based support in the states or communities in which they operate.

### RECIPIENTS OF THE ECS CORPORATE AWARD:

- 2008** *Simon Youth Foundation*
- 2007** *Pearson*
- 2006** *Public Broadcasting Service*
- 2005** *Hewlett Packard*
- 2004** *MBNA Corporation*
- 2003** *Intel Corporation and Washington Mutual*
- 2002** *State Farm Insurance Companies*
- 2001** *MetLife and MetLife Foundation*



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND CONTRIBUTION TO THE NOMINATION PROCESS FOR THESE PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS.