

# Call for Nominations

- ✦ James Bryant Conant Award
- ✦ Frank Newman Award for State Innovation
- ✦ ECS Corporate Award



Education Commission  
of the States

# 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 December 11, 2009.** The ECS Nominating Committee will review the nominations and make recommendations for each award to the Executive and Steering Committees during the 2010 Commissioner Meeting in New Orleans, January 6-8, 2010. The awards will be presented at the 2010 ECS National Forum on Education Policy in Portland, Oregon.

## 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 President Roger Sampson and ECS Vice Chair Barbara M. Clark present the 2009 James Bryant Conant Award to Kati Haycock.

### Recipients of the James Bryant Conant Award:

2009	<i>Kati Haycock</i>	1998	<i>Robert Slavin</i>	1986	<i>Harold Howe II</i>
2008	<i>Ron Wolk</i>	1997	<i>Claiborne Pell</i>	1985	<i>Terrel H. Bell and David P. Gardner</i>
2007	<i>Gaston Caperton</i>	1996	<i>John W. Gardner</i>	1984	<i>James B. Hunt Jr.</i>
2006	<i>Nancy S. Grasmick</i>	1995	<i>Richard W. Riley</i>	1983	<i>Carl Perkins</i>
2005	<i>Sharon Lynn Kagan</i>	1994	<i>Ernest L. Boyer</i>	1982	<i>John Brademas</i>
2004	<i>Thurgood Marshall and John H. Stelle</i>	1993	<i>Wilhelmina Delco</i>	1981	<i>Terry Sanford</i>
2003	<i>Roy Romer</i>	1992	<i>Theodore R.Sizer</i>	1980	<i>Ralph Tyler</i>
2002	<i>Robert T. Moses</i>	1991	<i>James P. Comer</i>	1979	<i>Francis Keppel</i>
2001	<i>Fred Rogers</i>	1990	<i>No award given</i>	1978	<i>Joan Ganz Cooney</i>
2002	<i>John Goodlad</i>	1989	<i>Fred M. Hechinger</i>	1977	<i>Benjamin Mays</i>
1999	<i>Frank Newman</i>	1988	<i>Lamar Alexander</i>		
		1987	<i>Marian Wright Edelman</i>		

# How to submit a nomination

You can submit a nomination by fax, e-mail or mail by completing the nomination form (see links below). Please direct any questions about the nomination process to Heidi Normandin at 303.299.3629 or [hnormandin@ecs.org](mailto:hnormandin@ecs.org). (Download a **PDF version** or a **Word version** of the nomination form.)

## The Frank Newman Award for State Innovation

**T**he 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:

- ✦ Education improvement efforts that are replicable and hold valuable lessons for other states
- ✦ 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
- ✦ Policies or programs that have broad-based support from education stakeholders to ensure sustainability.



Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty presents the 2009 Frank Newman Award for State Innovation to Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen on behalf of his state's exceptional education achievements in reform.

### Recipients of the Frank Newman Award for State Innovation:

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| 2009 | <i>Tennessee (for multiple initiatives)</i>  | 2003 | <i>Maryland (Visionary Panel for Better Schools)</i>                             |
| 2008 | <i>North Dakota Commission on Education Improvement</i>  | 2002 | <i>Alabama (Alabama Reading Initiative) and Texas (Texas Reading Initiative)</i> |
| 2007 | <i>Alaska (for multiple initiatives)</i>   | 2001 | <i>Georgia – Universal Preschool Program</i>                                     |
| 2006 | <i>Kentucky (Kentucky Education Reform Act of 1990 and other initiatives)</i>  | 2000 | <i>Connecticut – Beginning Educator Support and Training (BEST) Program</i>      |
| 2005 | <i>Florida and Utah (co-winners, for multiple initiatives)</i>   | 1999 | <i>North Carolina – North Carolina Community College System</i>                  |
| 2004 | <i>North Carolina (NC TEACH) and South Carolina (The Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention and Advancement)</i> | 1998 | <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.



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.

Project Lead the Way's (PLTW) Richard Blais (center) and Richard Libech (right) accept the 2009 ECS Corporate Award from ECS Chair, Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty. PLTW attracts U.S. students to science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields critical to our nation's ability to remain economically competitive in the future.

### Recipients of the ECS Corporate Award:

- 2009 *Project Lead the Way*
- 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.