

Call for Nominations

2011

- ★ James Bryant Conant Award
- ★ The 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 Friday, November 26, 2010.** 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 Las Vegas, Nevada, December 8-10. The awards will be presented at the 2011 ECS National Forum on Education Policy in Denver, Colorado to be held July 6-8.

James Bryant Conant Award

The 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.

The honor is bestowed upon individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to improving education across the country in significant ways such as:

- ✦ Provided leadership on groundbreaking task forces or committees
- ✦ Published works and/or conducted research that profoundly influenced thinking on public education in the United States and/or had a substantial impact on policy
- ✦ Shepherded groundbreaking education reform through the legislative process
- ✦ Demonstrated exemplary service as a public figure or elected official deeply involved in improving education for all.



Linda Darling-Hammond, Charles E. Ducommun Professor of Education at Stanford University, accepts the 2010 Conant Award from ECS President Roger Sampson.

PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE JAMES BRYANT CONANT AWARD:

2010	Linda Darling-Hammond	1999	Frank Newman	1987	Marian Wright Edelman
2009	Kati Haycock	1998	Robert Slavin	1986	Harold Howe II
2008	Ron Wolk	1997	Claiborne Pell	1985	Terrel H. Bell and David P. Gardner
2007	Gaston Caperton	1996	John W. Gardner	1984	James B. Hunt Jr.
2006	Nancy S. Grasmick	1995	Richard W. Riley	1983	Carl Perkins
2005	Sharon Lynn Kagan	1994	Ernest L. Boyer	1982	John Brademas
2004	Thurgood Marshall and John H. Stelle	1993	Wilhelmina Delco	1981	Terry Sanford
2003	Roy Romer	1992	Theodore R.Sizer	1980	Ralph Tyler
2002	Robert T. Moses	1991	James P. Comer	1979	Francis Keppel
2001	Fred Rogers	1990	No award given	1978	Joan Ganz Cooney
2002	John Goodlad	1989	Fred M. Hechinger	1977	Benjamin Mays
		1988	Lamar Alexander		

How to submit a nomination

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

Please direct any questions about the nomination process to Heidi Normandin at 303.299.3629 or hnormandin@ecs.org.

The Frank Newman Award for State Innovation

The Frank Newman Award for State Innovation recognizes states and territories for enacting innovative education reforms or implementing innovative programs that go beyond marginal or incremental changes to improve student outcomes on a large scale. In 2005, ECS named its State Innovation Award in honor of the late Frank Newman, ECS president for 14 years.

This award is presented to a state for policies, programs or initiatives that:

- ✦ Are replicable and hold valuable lessons for other states
- ✦ Are bold and courageous, including new approaches designed for large-scale impact, or existing approaches with evidence of significant impact on student achievement in the state.
- ✦ Have bipartisan, broad-based support from stakeholders to ensure sustainability.



ECS Chair Governor Tim Pawlenty with Ohio award winners Deb Delisle, Ohio Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Representative Brian Williams.

PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE FRANK NEWMAN AWARD FOR STATE INNOVATION:

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| 2010 | Ohio (for 2009 H.B.1) | 2003 | Maryland (Visionary Panel for Better Schools) |
| 2009 | Tennessee (for multiple initiatives) | 2002 | Alabama (Alabama Reading Initiative) and Texas (Texas Reading Initiative) |
| 2008 | North Dakota Commission on Education Improvement | 2001 | Georgia – Universal Preschool Program |
| 2007 | Alaska (for multiple initiatives) | 2000 | Connecticut – Beginning Educator Support and Training (BEST) Program |
| 2006 | Kentucky (Kentucky Education Reform Act of 1990 and other initiatives) | 1999 | North Carolina – North Carolina Community College System |
| 2005 | Florida and Utah (co-winners, for multiple initiatives) | 1998 | Oregon – Students Recycling Used Technology (STRUT) |
| 2004 | North Carolina (NC TEACH) and South Carolina (The Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention and Advancement) | | |

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 to improve student outcomes
- ✦ Enjoy broad-based support in the states or communities in which they operate.



Cynthia Marshall, President of AT&T North Carolina, accepted the Corporate Award for AT&T with Laura Sanford, President of AT&T Foundation, from Minnesota Governor and ECS Chair Tim Pawlenty.

PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE ECS CORPORATE AWARD:

- 2010 AT&T
- 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.*