Call for Nominations

James Bryant Conant Award

Frank Newman Award for State Innovation

ECS Corporate Award
Marc Tucker, President and CEO of the National Center on Education and the Economy, accepted the 2014 Conant Award from Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval.

You are invited to submit nominations

James Bryant Conant Award

The James Bryant Conant Award recognizes individuals for outstanding contributions to American education. In 1977, ECS 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.

ECS is now soliciting nominations for three prestigious awards. All nominations must be received by Friday, November 14, 2014. The awards will be presented at the 2015 ECS National Forum on Education Policy in Denver, June 29 – July 1.

Past Recipients of the James Bryant Conant Award:

2013  Gene Wilhoit  2003  Roy Romer  1993  Wilhelmina Delco
2010  Linda Darling-Hammond  2000  John Goodlad  1990  No award given
2009  Kati Haycock  1999  Frank Newman  1989  Fred M. Hechinger
2006  Nancy S. Grasmick  1996  John W. Gardner  1986  Harold Howe II

1981  Terry Sanford  1980  Ralph Tyler  1979  Francis Keppel
1978  Joan Ganz Cooney  1977  Benjamin Mays
Complete the nomination form (PDF or Word) and submit it, along with your statement of support, to Heidi Normandin by email (hnormandin@ecs.org). If you have any questions about the nomination process, please call Heidi at 303.299.3629.

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 states 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.

Harry Berman, Erika Hunt, James Applegate and Christopher Koch accepted the 2014 Frank Newman Award from Gov. Sandoval on behalf of the State of Illinois for their work to improve principal preparation in the state.

Past Recipients of the Frank Newman Award for State Innovation:

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<td>Kentucky (Kentucky Education Reform Act of 1990 and other initiatives)</td>
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Thank you for your consideration and contribution to the nomination process for these awards.

ECS Corporate Award

The ECS Corporate Award recognizes a for-profit corporation, or its philanthropic arm, 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 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.

Past Recipients of the ECS Corporate Award:

- 2013 Scholastic, Inc.
- 2012 GE Foundation
- 2011 ExxonMobil
- 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