Each year at the National Forum on Education Policy, Education Commission of the States presents awards to persons, states and organizations that have made significant contributions to public education.

**JAMES BRYANT CONANT AWARD**

Named for the co-founder of Education Commission of the States and former president of Harvard University, the James Bryant Conant Award recognizes outstanding individual contributions to American education. The award was established in 1977 to memorialize Conant, a pivotal figure in the education reforms of the 1950s and ‘60s that continue to shape schools today. The honor is bestowed upon individuals whose efforts and service create a pronounced and lasting influence on American education and 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.

**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, the award was renamed in honor of the late Frank Newman, who served as president of Education Commission of the States for 14 years. The award recognizes a state for any of the following:

- Education improvement efforts that are replicable and hold valuable lessons for other states.
- Bold and courageous policies, including existing approaches with evidence of significant impact on student achievement in the state.
- Policies or programs that have bipartisan, broad-based support.

**EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE STATES CORPORATE AWARD**

Education Commission of the States Corporate Award honors nonprofit organizations and for-profit corporations that have demonstrated a sustained commitment to, and investment in, improving public education, particularly efforts that reach those currently not well-served by the educational system. The award was created under the leadership of former Wyoming Gov. Jim Geringer, who served as the 1999–2000 Education Commission of the States Chair.

The Corporate Award is presented to organizations or companies that:

- Support improvement that is consistent with Education Commission of the States’ priorities.
- Support promising practices to improve student outcomes.
- Enjoy broad-based support in the states or communities in which they operate.
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2020 Philip Uri Treisman  
2019 AJ Crabill  
2018 Bill Haslam  
2017 Lowell Milken  
2016 Sal Khan  
2015 William L. Sanders  
2014 Marc Tucker  
2013 Gene Wilhoit  
2012 E.D. Hirsch  
2011 Ted Kolderie  
2010 Linda Darling-Hammond  
2009 Kati Haycock  
2008 Ron Wolk  
2007 Gaston Caperton  
2006 Nancy S. Grasmick  
2005 Sharon Lynn Kagan  
2004 Thurgood Marshall and John H. Stelle  
2003 Roy Romer  
2002 Robert P. Moses  
2001 Fred Rogers  
2000 John Goodlad  
1999 Frank Newman  
1998 Robert Slavin  
1997 Claiborne Pell  
1996 John W. Gardner  
1995 Richard W. Riley  
1994 Ernest L. Boyer  
1993 Wilhelmina Delco  
1992 Theodore R. Sizer  
1991 James P. Comer  
1989 Fred M. Hechinger  
1988 Lamar Alexander  
1987 Marian Wright Edelman  
1986 Harold Howe II  
1985 Terrel H. Bell and David P. Gardner  
1984 James B. Hunt Jr.  
1983 Carl Perkins  
1982 John Brademas  
1981 Terry Sanford  
1980 Ralph Tyler  
1979 Francis Keppel  
1978 Joan Ganz Cooney  
1977 Benjamin Mays

FRANK NEWMAN AWARD FOR STATE INNOVATION

2020 Arkansas  
2019 Idaho  
2018 Tennessee  
2017 Hawaii  
2016 Mississippi  
2015 Kentucky  
2014 Illinois  
2013 Delaware  
2012 New Hampshire  
2010 Ohio  
2009 Tennessee  
2008 North Dakota  
2007 Alaska  
2006 Kentucky  
2005 Florida and Utah  
2004 North Carolina and South Carolina  
2003 Maryland  
2002 Alabama and Texas  
2001 Georgia  
2000 Connecticut  
1999 North Carolina  
1998 Oregon

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2020 Crayola  
2019 The Tennessee School Boards Association  
2018 The IBM Foundation  
2017 Unum  
2016 Newseum  
2013 Scholastic  
2012 GE Foundation  
2011 ExxonMobil  
2010 AT&T  
2009 Project Lead The Way  
2008 Simon Youth Foundation  
2007 Pearson  
2006 Public Broadcasting Service (PBS)  
2005 Hewlett Packard Company  
2004 MBNA Corporation  
2003 Intel Corporation and Washington Mutual  
2002 State Farm Insurance Companies  
2001 MetLife and MetLife Foundation