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.
Past Award WINNERS

JAMES BRYANT CONANT AWARD
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
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

EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE STATES CORPORATE AWARD
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