



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**

2018 <i>Bill Haslam</i>	2004 <i>Thurgood Marshall and John H. Stelle</i>	1989 <i>Fred M. Hechinger</i>
2017 <i>Lowell Milken</i>	2003 <i>Roy Romer</i>	1988 <i>Lamar Alexander</i>
2016 <i>Sal Khan</i>	2002 <i>Robert P. Moses</i>	1987 <i>Marian Wright Edelman</i>
2015 <i>William L. Sanders</i>	2001 <i>Fred Rogers</i>	1986 <i>Harold Howe II</i>
2014 <i>Marc Tucker</i>	2000 <i>John Goodlad</i>	1985 <i>Terrel H. Bell and David P. Gardner</i>
2013 <i>Gene Wilhoit</i>	1999 <i>Frank Newman</i>	1984 <i>James B. Hunt Jr.</i>
2012 <i>E.D. Hirsch</i>	1998 <i>Robert Slavin</i>	1983 <i>Carl Perkins</i>
2011 <i>Ted Kolderie</i>	1997 <i>Claiborne Pell</i>	1982 <i>John Brademas</i>
2010 <i>Linda Darling-Hammond</i>	1996 <i>John W. Gardner</i>	1981 <i>Terry Sanford</i>
2009 <i>Kati Haycock</i>	1995 <i>Richard W. Riley</i>	1980 <i>Ralph Tyler</i>
2008 <i>Ron Wolk</i>	1994 <i>Ernest L. Boyer</i>	1979 <i>Francis Keppel</i>
2007 <i>Gaston Caperton</i>	1993 <i>Wilhelmina Delco</i>	1978 <i>Joan Ganz Cooney</i>
2006 <i>Nancy S. Grasmick</i>	1992 <i>Theodore R.Sizer</i>	1977 <i>Benjamin Mays</i>
2005 <i>Sharon Lynn Kagan</i>	1991 <i>James P. Comer</i>	

## **FRANK NEWMAN AWARD FOR STATE INNOVATION**

2018 <i>Tennessee</i>	2011 <i>New England Secondary School Consortium</i>	2004 <i>North Carolina and South Carolina</i>
2017 <i>Hawaii</i>	2010 <i>Ohio</i>	2003 <i>Maryland</i>
2016 <i>Mississippi</i>	2009 <i>Tennessee</i>	2002 <i>Alabama and Texas</i>
2015 <i>Kentucky</i>	2008 <i>North Dakota</i>	2001 <i>Georgia</i>
2014 <i>Illinois</i>	2007 <i>Alaska</i>	2000 <i>Connecticut</i>
2013 <i>Delaware</i>	2006 <i>Kentucky</i>	1999 <i>North Carolina</i>
2012 <i>New Hampshire</i>	2005 <i>Florida and Utah</i>	1998 <i>Oregon</i>

## **EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE STATES CORPORATE AWARD**

2018 <i>IBM</i>	2011 <i>ExxonMobil</i>	2006 <i>Public Broadcasting Service (PBS)</i>
2017 <i>Unum</i>	2010 <i>AT&amp;T</i>	2005 <i>Hewlett Packard Company</i>
2016 <i>Newseum</i>	2009 <i>Project Lead The Way</i>	2004 <i>MBNA Corporation</i>
2013 <i>Scholastic</i>	2008 <i>Simon Youth Foundation</i>	2003 <i>Intel Corporation and Washington Mutual</i>
2012 <i>GE Foundation</i>	2007 <i>Pearson</i>	2002 <i>State Farm Insurance Companies</i>