

# Helen M. Eckard<sup>1</sup> Award

- Sponsor:** NCES/NCLIS
- Purpose:** To honor innovative and exemplary use of FSCS and Public Library data.
- Eligibility:** Anyone who uses one or more items of FSCS data in a publicly released product (e.g., book, video, article, brochure).
- Criteria:** The winning entry(ies) submitted must possess two or more of the following:
- clear concept(s)
  - attractive graphics
  - actual or potential effectiveness in promoting libraries
  - reasoned and meritorious use of the data in describing or analyzing an issue
- Number:** Up to five awards may be made in one year or the Awards Committee may make no award.
- Timing:** This will be an annual competition but eligibility is not limited to any particular year.
- Nominations:** The following are invited to nominate entries:
- State Data Coordinators
  - members of COSLA
  - members of FSCS Steering Committee
  - users of FSCS data
  - Federal, State and local governmental officials
- Self nominations are encouraged.
- Procedure:** Candidates should submit four copies to the Chair of the FSCS Data Use Subcommittee by **September 1** of each year.  
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- Award Committee:** Members of the Data Use Subcommittee (other than those who may submit nominations or entries) will serve as jury.
- Form of Award:** Engraved Plaque

<sup>1</sup> The late Mrs. Eckard was an NCES staff member who provided outstanding leadership as a professional librarian for the support of the Library Statistics Program.