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## MEMORANDUM NO. 2007 - 146

**TO:** School District Superintendents

**FROM:** Jim McBride, Ed.D. 

**DATE:** August 31, 2007

**SUBJECT:** The Ethel Percy Andrus Legacy Award

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### Important Information to Share

Attached is information that we received from AARP regarding The Ethel Percy Andrus Award for Innovation. Please share this information with the secondary school principals and staff in your district. This is a great opportunity for a Wyoming school to receive a substantial monetary award and national recognition. Thank you for helping us get this information to our schools.

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Attachments



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Dear Principal:

AARP is pleased to announce the creation of *The Ethel Percy Andrus Legacy Award for Innovation*. A \$10,000 prize will be awarded to one public secondary school (grades 8 - 12) in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands in recognition of an innovative program or practice currently operating in a school. Secondary high school principals may submit a brief description of a program or practice that has enhanced student achievement or contributed to an improved environment for the students, the school, or the community served by the school. One public high school from each state will receive a \$10,000 award. This awards program has been established as part of AARP's 50th anniversary celebration.

The award was developed to honor AARP's founder, Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus. Prior to founding AARP, Dr. Andrus achieved broad recognition as a creative and innovative public high school educator in the state of California. Dr. Andrus was the first woman appointed to lead a public secondary high school in California and in that position developed and implemented a host of innovative programs that served the interest of her students and the community.

We invite all public secondary school principals with programs that meet our criteria to apply. All entries will be reviewed by a panel comprised of AARP leaders and members of the local unit of the National Retired Teachers Association (NRTA) and will be subject to onsite evaluation by an outside evaluation team familiar with the criteria. Only one public high school in each state or territory will be selected to receive the award.

Those principals wishing to participate in the program may submit their entries on line at [www.aarp.org/innovationaward](http://www.aarp.org/innovationaward) or by filling out the enclosed application form and sending it to: AARP c/o *The Ethel Percy Andrus Legacy Award for Innovation*, 601 E. Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20049. Entries should clearly explain the program and its impact upon the students, the school or the community.

All entries are due by **October 1, 2007**. Presentations to the winners will be made in 2008. If you have any questions, please call our AARP toll-free number at 1-866-213-9669, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Pacific Time).

Good luck!

With best regards,

Marty Davis  
Director, Special Campaigns and Promotions  
AARP

Annette Norsman  
Director  
NRTA : *AARP's Educator Community*

cc: Gracia Rubio, Project Manager, AARP;  
Megan Stevens Hookey, National Coordinator, NRTA: *AARP's Educator Community*

# AARP Ethel Percy Andrus Award for Innovation

Entry Form APPLICATIONS DUE OCTOBER 1, 2007

## The Prize

Public secondary high schools (grades 8 - 12) in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands are eligible for a \$10,000 award in recognition of an existing program or practice that demonstrates successful innovation in the areas of student achievement or contributes to an improved environment for students, the school, or the community served by the school.

## Who May Apply

The competition is open to all secondary public high schools from each state or territory. One public high school entry from each state will be eligible to receive the award.

## Entry Criteria

- This awards program is open to secondary public high schools.
- The program or practice can be no more than two years old.
- The existing program or practice must have demonstrated successful innovation in the areas of student achievement or contributed to an improved environment for the students, the school, or the community served by the school.
- Entry must be submitted by a high school principal or his/her designee.
- The current principal need not have been the one to introduce the program.
- The program must have the approval of the office of the school superintendent.
- This award will go to the school not the principal.
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STATE

PRINCIPAL'S PHONE

DATE

NAME OF PRINCIPAL

PRINCIPAL'S EMAIL

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL ADDRESS

ENTRY DESCRIPTION: On an attached sheet in 500 words or less, describe an existing program that demonstrates innovation in the areas of student achievement or developing an improved environment for students, the school, or the community served by the school.

The AARP logo is located at the bottom right of the page. It consists of the letters "AARP" in a bold, sans-serif font. The letter "A" is stylized with a horizontal line through its middle. The logo is set against a dark, textured background that tapers from the left side of the page.

# AARP Ethel Percy Andrus Legacy Award for Innovation

## \$10,000 PRIZE FOR PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS IN USA, PUERTO RICO, AND US VIRGIN ISLANDS

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### 1. What is the AARP Ethel Percy Andrus Legacy Award for Innovation?

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#### 2. What criteria is AARP using to judge programs?

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## Frequently Asked Questions *continued*

### 3. What is AARP's judging process?

All entries will be reviewed by a panel comprised of personnel from each AARP state office and members of the local unit of the National Retired Teachers Association (NRTA). All submissions will be subject to onsite evaluation by a team familiar with the program evaluation process. Only one public high school in each state or territory will be selected to receive the award.

### 4. How will I be notified about the status of my application?

- Applicants who submit proposals will be notified as follows:

An email acknowledging receipt of the award application will be sent.

A letter or email notifying applicants as to whether their proposal was accepted or declined in their school district will be sent prior to a public announcement of the winner.

- Applicants who submit an application that failed to conform to the written specifications will have their application returned.
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### 5. How long does the AARP Ethel Percy Andrus Legacy Award for Innovation funding last?

This is a one time grant.

### 6. What if my program is just getting started?

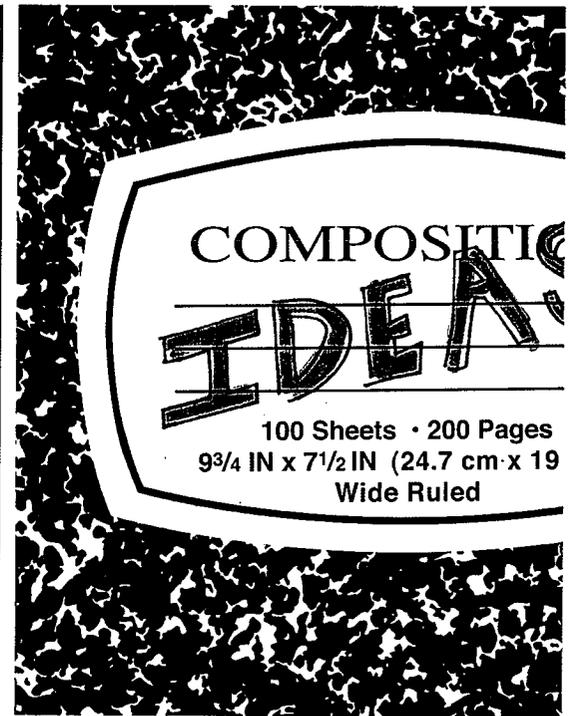
The program must be in operation for at least two years to be considered.

### 7. When are applications due?

All completed applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. EST on October 1, 2007.

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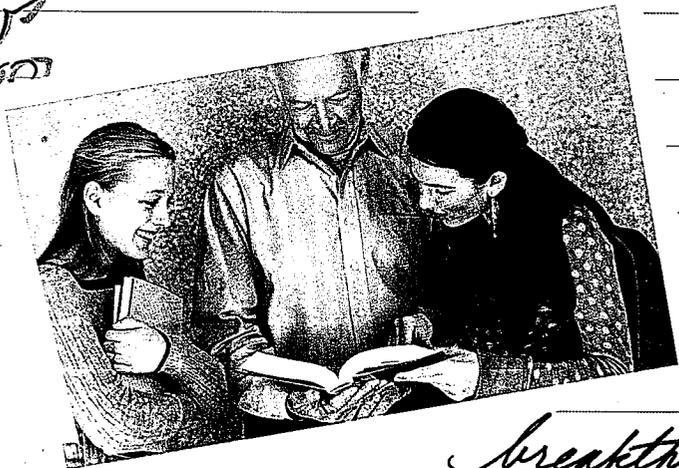


The award was created in honor of AARP's founder, Ethel Percy Andrus, who was a pioneer in secondary public school education. Dr. Andrus was California's first female high school principal. She held high academic standards, promoted diversity, and involved students in community life. This award program helps to celebrate AARP's 50th anniversary in 2008.

### Purpose

The purpose of this award is to recognize forward-thinking ideas among secondary schools (grades 9-12) that promote strong minds as well as stronger ties among the generations.

creativity  
determination  
INNOVATION  
PERSISTENCE



*breakthrough*

For further information, please consult [www.aarp.org/legacyaward](http://www.aarp.org/legacyaward) or you may contact Marty Davis, AARP program coordinator, at [mjdavis@aarp.org](mailto:mjdavis@aarp.org).

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