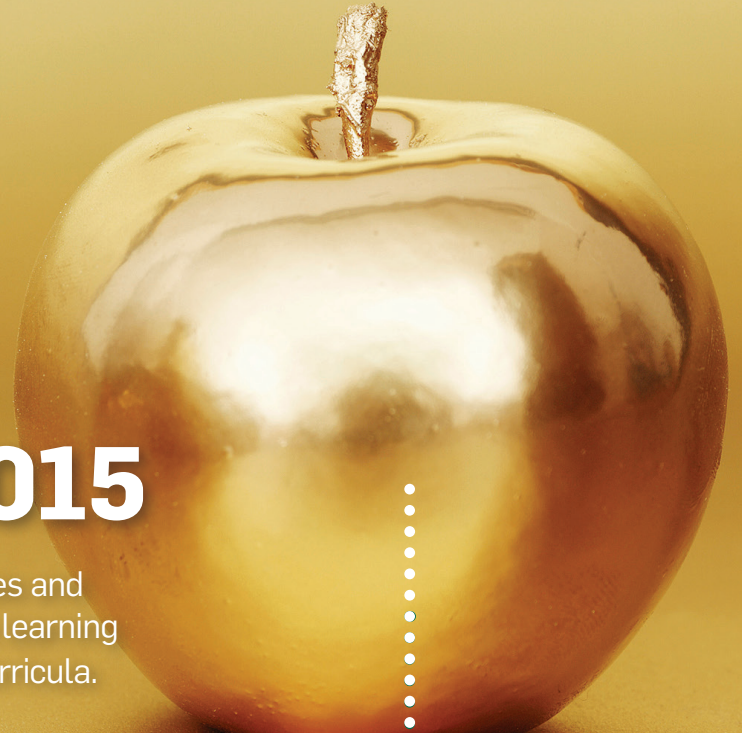


Nominate your favorite educator for the Tampa Bay Times Newspaper in Education

NIE Teacher of the Year 2014-2015

This award recognizes K-12 teachers, literacy coaches and media specialists who advocate for literacy and civic learning through the use of the *Tampa Bay Times* and NIE curricula.



The 2014 – 2015 award will honor educators who:

- Use NIE instructional materials in their classrooms in an innovative, meaningful way that enhances student learning and the learning environment.
- Employ innovative lessons or strategies, units of study, educational programs or projects to develop students' reading and other literacy skills.
- Call for close reading of local and state news.

ELIGIBILITY

- Must be a K-12 teacher in Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco or Pinellas counties.
- NIE activities must have been implemented during the 2014-2015 academic year.

HOW TO NOMINATE

Visit tampabay.com/nie to nominate an educator for this award.

DEADLINE

Nominations accepted through **March 20, 2015**. The winner will be announced April 6, 2015, and the Teacher of the Year Gala will be held May 19, 2015.

AWARD

The winning educator will receive:

- A *Tampa Bay Times* Prize Pack.
- An invitation to present the lesson, program or project outlined in the award application at the 2015 Florida Press Educational Services, Inc. Summer Training Conference.
- Reimbursement for miles traveled to and from the conference at a rate designated by the *Tampa Bay Times*.
- One night in a hotel to attend the conference, if the educator lives farther than 60 miles away from the conference location.

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