

# Tampa Bay Times Newspaper in Education NIE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

## 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 *Times NIE* curricula.

The 2014 – 2015 award will honor educators who:

- ✍ Use *Times 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.

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## How to Nominate

Visit [tampabay.com/nie](http://tampabay.com/nie) to nominate an educator for this award.

## Deadline

Nominations accepted Nov. 17, 2014 – March 20, 2015.

Award announcement April 6, 2015.

Teacher of the Year Gala 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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Recognizing educators  
who use *Times NIE*  
materials in their  
classrooms in  
innovative ways.

The Tampa Bay Times Newspaper in Education program (NIE) is a cooperative effort between schools and the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Tampa Bay Times* to promote literacy by encouraging the use of newspapers as a vital instructional tool – a “living textbook”.

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