



FLORIDA LITERACY COALITION, INC.

## Call For 2017 Florida Literacy Award Nominations

### Do you know someone doing great things in literacy?

Recognize the noteworthy accomplishments and achievements of individuals and organizations supporting adult and family literacy throughout Florida. Nominations are now being accepted. **The deadline for nominations has been extended to March 6, 2017.** If you would like to nominate an individual or an organization, [click here](#).

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### INDIVIDUAL AWARD CATEGORIES

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#### ***The Mary J Brogan Award:***

Recognizes a Florida resident whose support of adult and/or family literacy exhibits the highest standards of excellence, dedication, leadership, creativity and accomplishment. The recipient will receive a \$100 gift certificate from New Reader's Press.

#### ***Flight for Freedom Award:***

Honors an adult student who has demonstrated exceptional accomplishment in improvement of literacy or leadership skills within literacy. The adult student must currently be tutored by a literacy volunteer or enrolled in an adult education program (GED, ESL, Workplace Literacy, etc.) or be a former student who was enrolled in a program within 6 months of the nomination submission. Recipient will receive two round-trip tickets to any [Southwest Airlines destination](#) in the Continental US.

#### ***Outstanding Literacy Volunteer Award:***

Honors an adult or family literacy volunteer who has demonstrated exceptional service and commitment in either tutoring or program operations. This award may be given as recognition for a specific outstanding achievement, or for ongoing exceptional service. The recipient will receive a \$100 gift certificate from New Reader's Press.

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### ORGANIZATIONAL AWARD CATEGORIES

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#### ***Excellence in Education Award:***

Honors an organization demonstrating achievement, innovation, leadership or organizational excellence in support of adult basic education, literacy and/or family literacy education in Florida. Eligible organizations include community-based volunteer literacy programs, library literacy, local educational agencies and institutional literacy programs. Thanks to the support of [Northwest Federal Credit Union](#), the recipient will receive an **award of \$2,500** along with a gift certificate for \$100 from New Reader's Press.

#### ***Outstanding Business Partner Award:***

Honors a company or business partner for leadership or significant contributions in support of literacy at the local, regional or state level. Nominees may have established a literacy program in the workplace or shown leadership in supporting community adult education, literacy or family literacy activities. Example areas of support may include, but are not limited to providing: grants/financial contributions, volunteers, space for training/tutoring, in-kind donations, or publicity and media coverage.

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## ***NOMINATION PROCEDURES***

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- Nominations must be submitted using the online submission form. Please attach the nomination narrative, not to exceed **two type-written single-spaced pages**. You may also include up to **two pages** of optional attachments (example. newspaper clippings or support letters). Please note that CDs, videos etc. will NOT be accepted as supporting documentation.
- FLC reserves the right to assign a nomination to an alternate category provided the nominator agrees to the reassignment.
- Award recipients will be selected by the 2017 Awards Committee
- Nominees must reside in the state of Florida and/or be a Florida business or subsidiary.
- Self-nominations are not permitted for individual awards and program staff members are not permitted to nominate their own program, however a volunteer or Board member is eligible to do so.
- Multiple nominations per category are permitted.
- A time span of four years must elapse before a previous award recipient can be considered for the same category.
- Contact Nicole Caban at (407) 246 – 7110 x 203 or [ncaban@floridaliteracy.org](mailto:ncaban@floridaliteracy.org) with any questions about the nomination procedures.

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## ***PAST RECIPIENTS***

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### **Outstanding Literacy Volunteer Award**

2016 Mick Cole  
2015 Butch Roberson  
2014 Ken Horton  
2013 Carla Heimer  
2012 Lisa Leiby

### **Flight for Freedom Award**

2016 Daniel Davidson  
2015 Calvin Crews  
2014 Marco Hernandez  
2013 Christian Lundy  
2012 Vilma Sosa

### **Outstanding Business Partner Award**

2016 Country Federal Credit Union  
2015 Tampa Bay Rays  
2014 Forrest Hill Elementary  
2013 Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas, Inc.  
2012 Rasmussen College

### **Mary J. Brogan Leadership Award**

2016 Tracey Barnes  
2015 Susan Warner  
2014 Susan Mutschler  
2013 Mary Whitehurst  
2012 Margaret Poppell

### **Excellence in Education Award**

2016 Learn to Read Jacksonville  
2015 Literacy Council Gulf Coast  
2014 Marion County Literacy Council  
2013 Jacksonville Public Library  
2012 Hope CommUnity Center