The Community Writers Group of Los Angeles (CWGLA) is a 501(c)(3) organization founded in 2014 by Elise Woodson. This is an invitation for High School Juniors and Seniors who are students of color from low- to moderate-income communities to participate in the CWGLA “We See You” (WSY) Creative Writing Contest.

15 slots available
Three (3) scholarships:
1st Place: $1000
2nd Place: $500
3rd Place: $500

ALL FINALISTS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE CWGLA SNAPSHOTs: STUDENT EDITION

CONTEST REQUIREMENTS:

• 11th or 12th Grade Students of Color in low- moderate- income communities
• Signed Parental and/or Guardian Consent
• Bio of 100 words or less
• Headshot / Selfie - Have fun! NO PROFESSIONAL PHOTOS
• Access to a computer and/or laptop
• Internet access for zoom or telephone conference
• Transcript + 3.0 GPA OR, if GPA below 3.0, two written letters of recommendation from a current teacher or counselor + transcript.
• Email everything to: cwgla.weseeyou@gmail.com before May 20, 2021 at 11:59PM PST

CONTEST GUIDELINES:

1. Select 2 different topics from attached list

2. Write 2 Personal Narratives (minimum of 1500 words each) using 2 different topics; OR

3. Write 1 Personal Narrative (minimum of 1500 words); and 1 Spoken Word piece (of any length) using 2 different topics on attached list

4. All work must be ORIGINAL – DO NOT SUBMIT COLLEGE ESSAYS (see example attached). Personal Narratives should be real life experiences.

5. All submissions must be received by May 20, 2021 at 11:59PM.

6. Clarity of content, originality and grammar matter!
CWGLA “WE SEE YOU” CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

Step 1: Choose 2 of the following topics

- Which family member do you admire and why?
- If you could speak to a family member who passed away, what would you say to them and why would you say it?
- Tell us a story about one of your family’s unique traditions.
- If you have already traced your family history, what surprised you most?
- Describe an incident that occurred in your family that allowed you to witness how a strong family can pull together to overcome obstacles.

Step 2:

Write 2 Personal Narratives (Min. 1500 words each) using two of the topics above; OR

Write 1 Personal Narrative (Min. 1500 words) and 1 Spoken Word piece (of any length) using two different topics above.

Step 3: Email the following to by 5/20/21 @11:59PM -
cwla.weseeyou@gmail.com

- 3.0 GPA Transcript, OR Transcript + 2 Letters of Recommendation (GPA below 3.0)
- Signed Parental/Guardian Consent
- Selfie – head to chest. Have some fun! **NO PROFESSIONAL PHOTOS**!
- Bio – 100 Words or less (see attached examples)
- 2 Personal Narratives (Min. 1500 words each); OR
- 1 Personal Narrative (Min. 1500 words) and 1 Spoken Word piece

DO YOUR VERY BEST! YOUR WORK WILL BE PUBLISHED!

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PARENTAL /GUARDIAN CONSENT

Community Writers Group of Los Angeles (CWGLA)
“We See You” Creative Writing Contest
High School Seniors and Juniors, Class of 2021-2022

My signature on this consent below grants permission for my minor child to participate in the CWGLA “We See You” Creative Writing Contest (WSYCWC) and I further give my consent to allow my minor child to do the following:

- Participate in the WSYCWC. I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Participant Guidelines (the "Guidelines"), and that these Guidelines will bind me and the Participant (named below).

- Allow the Participant’s name, age, grade level, school name, image, likeness, voice, video, and photos, to be displayed along with their written submissions to the WSYCWC.

- Make best efforts to participate in book launch and other promotional events, including any possible winner ceremony, interviews, and publicity events, related to the WSYCWC.

- I confirm that the Participant is a member of the Class of 2021/2022 at a high school located in the state of California.

- I confirm that any required taxes and/or withholdings in connection with the acceptance of Elise Woodson Scholarship Awards are the obligation of Participant and not the responsibility of CWGLA.

- Privacy Disclaimer: Any personal information provided to CWGLA or written in the Narrative during the course of the WSYCWC may be used for publication, readings, stage plays, television, film, theatrical interpretation, either in whole or in part, and for administration of the WSYCWC, or as otherwise set forth in the Guidelines. Except where prohibited by law, participation in the WSYCWC constitutes the Participant’s and his or her parent’s/legal guardian’s consent to the storage, use and disclosure of the Participant’s entry details as set forth in the Guidelines or as otherwise determined in CWGLA’s reasonable discretion, including the promotion of the CWGLA’s mission.

Participant Name:_____________________________ Parent/Guardian Name:________________________________ [please print legibly]

Participant Signature:_________________________ Parent/Guardian Signature:______________________________

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY:

Address:____________________________________________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Email Address:_________________________________________

Participant Email Address:_________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Phone:______________________________________________