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**Sisters Sippin' Tea Student Essay Contest  
Application Form  
Deadline May 10, 2019**

**SST Books and Brunch, September 14<sup>th</sup>, Doubletree Hotel Warren Place  
Lifting the Veil of Ignorance**

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Name (Last)

First

Middle Initial

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Mailing Address

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City

State

Zip

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Telephone Number

E-Mail Address

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Current School

Expected Graduation Date

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GPA

Month /Date/Year of Birth

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Major/ Study of Interest

School You Plan to Attend

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List memberships and volunteer activities

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Title of Essay

**\*\*Staple this form to your essay as top page. Include title on each page of your essay. DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ANYWHERE ON THE ESSAY.**

I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate. Falsification of any information will cause disqualification from the contest.

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Signature

Date



## **SISTERS SIPPIN' TEA ESSAY CONTEST Rules and Regulations**

**Contest Dates:** Essays accepted Now through May 10, 2019

**Objective:** Our goal is to give back to our community by enhancing educational opportunities for high school students and recent graduates who demonstrate an interest in community and literacy. Our theme - **"Lifting the Veil of Ignorance"** speaks to that goal. We wish to continue a tradition of reaching out to our young people in an effort to foster self-determination and ignite new ideas, thereby strengthening our community.

Each candidate is required to:

1. Describe an area in the community where there is an opportunity to increase knowledge and awareness.
2. Explain what they have done or how they plan to help others increase their opportunities through literacy.

**Eligibility:** Contest is open to graduating high school seniors in the Tulsa Metropolitan area and College Freshmen who are currently enrolled in an accredited college or technical school. High school graduates must plan to enter college no later than the fall or spring semester following graduation. All applicants must have an academic average of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale and be United States citizens.

The contest is not open to any current or previous member of Sisters Sippin' Tea **(SST)** or immediate relative thereof.

**Rules: (Imperative that instructions below are followed)**

1. Essay submissions must be 500 – 1000 words on 8 ½" x 11" white paper, Times New Roman font, size 12, double spaced. The verbiage **"lifting the veil of ignorance"** must appear at least once within the context of the essay. Entry form and essay must be stapled together in the top left hand corner with other required forms placed on top but not attached. Entries are not to be bound or otherwise covered in any fashion. Incomplete and/or erroneous submissions will be discarded without exception.
2. A letter from the applicant's school, on school letterhead, must accompany the application, attesting to their current grade level and status at the institution at the time of the submission. Graduates may submit a current transcript. Home schooled students may submit a letter stating their intended year of graduation and academic status from their teacher. Contact information must be included.
3. Submissions must also include a printed copy of this agreement, signed by the entrant and the entrant's parent or legal guardian if under the age of 18- along with a statement of financial need (no longer than 250 words).
4. By submitting your essay for consideration you hereby authorize SST to publish your essay in full or in part, at its sole discretion, on our website – [sisterssippinteatulsa.com](http://sisterssippinteatulsa.com), in future paper print or in electronic or digital format, (always with appropriate attribution to the author) without further compensation in any fashion. Citations of such publication may be used by the winners in any fashion they choose.
5. Judging – based on content of essay, providing all other requirements are met.
6. Each essay must be received via United States Postal Service and post marked or hand-delivered to a SST member by May 10, 2019. SST maintains no responsibility for entries not received or for any essays received in damaged or compromised condition for whatever reason.
7. The winner(s) selected will be notified via e-mail by September 6, 2019 and invited to be our guest at this year's Books and Brunch Event, September 14, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Doubletree Hotel Warren Place - where the prize will be awarded. The winner or a representative of the winner must be present to receive award.
8. Award – Minimum \$500.00 award. Funds to be dispersed upon receipt of notice to SST that the recipient has been accepted to a duly accredited higher learning institution. Funds to be used at the recipient's discretion.
9. Questions concerning the Essay contest may be mailed to our address but are best directed to [treasurygirl@aol.com](mailto:treasurygirl@aol.com).

**Mail Entries to:  
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