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

**SST Books and Brunch, September 14th, 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 Teaching Teacher Subject  
Matter(s)

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Teaching Certification (State) Month /Date/Year of  
Birth

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College Major/ Study of Interest Month/Date/Year

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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 TULSA CHAPTER TEACHER ESSAY CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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

**Contest Description:** 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 support our dedicated teachers who continue a tradition of strengthening our community through literacy by offering an opportunity for \$250.00 charitable donation to a school teacher in the community.

Each candidate will be required to describe an area in the community where there is an opportunity to increase knowledge and awareness and explain what they have done or how they plan to help others increase their opportunities through literacy.

Explain why they should be selected for the charitable donation and how they plan to utilize the funds.

**Eligibility:** Contest is open to elementary, middle and high school teachers in the Tulsa Metropolitan area who are currently teaching in an accredited school. Teachers must currently teach in a subject matter in the fall or spring semester 2019 and 2020. All applicants must have an accredited teaching certificate and be United States citizens.

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

## Rules:

1. Essay submissions must be 1000 - 2000 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 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 copy of the teaching certificate of subject matter or letter from Department of Education indicating a certificate of subject matter is on file.
3. 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, 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.
4. Judging – based on content of essay, providing all other requirements are met.
5. Each essay must be received via United States Postal Service and postmarked 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.
6. The winner 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.
7. Award – 250.00 award. Funds to be dispersed upon receipt of notice to SST that the recipient has an accredited teaching certificate. Funds to be used at the recipient’s discretion.
8. 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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