



ABOUT YOUNG WOMEN OF COLOR READ

Tate's Consultant Services (TCS) and Tia Chucha's Centro Cultural & Bookstore are happy to announce a new project, *Young Women of Color Read (YWCR)*. The essay contest will be held every March during women's history month. TCS is an organization that promotes academic success and literacy amongst young people of color. Its co-sponsor, Tia Chucha's Centro, is a nonprofit cultural center and bookstore in Sylmar, California.

YOUNG WOMEN OF COLOR READ ESSAY CONTEST INFORMATION

- **Eligible Participants:** The Young Women of Color Read annual essay contest is open to 12th grade women students who are Black, Indigenous, and/or People of Color (BIPOC) and are enrolled in high schools in California.
- **YWCR Winners' Financial Awards:** Two winners will receive a financial award of \$1,000 each.
- **Contest Deadline:** The deadline is 12 noon, PST, March 31st. No late entries will be accepted.
- **Contest Criteria:**
 - Students must be 14 years of age or older to participate.
 - A BIPOC 12th grade woman student currently enrolled in a high school in California.
 - Submission of a typed essay and a photo of you reading your selected book.
- **YWCR Contest Essay Writing Prompt:** Describe how your fiction or nonfiction book changed your views/perspectives or made you think differently about an issue. Make sure you

incorporate quotes from the text to support your evidence and analyses.

- **Entrant's Essay Requirements:** The typed essay should have the following:
 - Answer the writing prompt. Include evidence from the text to support your perspectives and analyses.
 - Include a brief summary of the book's plot.
 - The essay must be typed, double-spaced, 1 ½ pages minimum, and 2 pages maximum.
 - At the top of the essay type your name, cell #, complete mailing address, and your school's name.
 - Submit a photo of you reading your selected book.
- **Essay Submission:**
 - Submit your essay and photo to youngwomenofcolorread@gmail.com

Young Women of Color's Winners and Awards

- All Young Women of Color Read (YWCR) winners will be required to complete a Consent Form.
- The Consent Form must be signed by a parent and/or guardian and a 12th grade teacher or counselor of your choice.
- All winners will be notified by April 30th.
- Winners will receive their financial awards in May.
- Winners' photos will be posted on the Young Women of Color Read (YWCR) website in May.

ABOUT TCS and TIA CHUCHA'S CENTRO CENTURAL & BOOKSTORE

- **Tate's Consultant Services (TCS) Bio:**

Beverly Tate founded Tate's Consultant Services, (TCS), LLC in June 2015 to provide young people of color, who are living in underserved communities, with academic tools and strategies that will help them succeed in school. TCS has four main programs: Stay College Connected Academic Workshops; the Black and Latino Men Read annual essay contest; Young Women of Color Read annual essay contest, and book donations to under-resourced schools and organizations. (For more information go to www.mytcs.net)

- **Tia Chucha's Centro Cultural & Bookstore Bio:**

Tia Chucha's Centro Cultural & Bookstore was founded in 2003 by noted Chicano author and activist, Luis J. Rodriguez, his wife, Trini Rodriguez, Angelica Loa, and Victor Mendoza of El Vuh. Rooted in high needs communities, the mission of Tia Chucha's Centro Cultural is to transform community in the Northeast San Fernando Valley and beyond through ancestral knowledge, the arts, culture, literacy, and creative engagement. Website: www.tiachucha.org

DONATIONS TO YOUNG WOMEN OF COLOR READ

If you or your organization is interested in making a donation to *Young Women of Color Read*, please e-mail Beverly Tate at youngwomenofcolorread@gmail.com for more information.