

To Whom It May Concern:

The Community Writers Group of Los Angeles (“CWGLA”) is a 501(c)(3) organization founded in 2014 by the late Elise Woodson, a former educator. The mission of the organization is to preserve African American history by recording and publishing personal narratives.

## **ELISE WOODSON SCHOLARSHIP AWARD & ELISE WOODSON EDUCATION STIPEND:**

CWGLA is looking for African American and LatinX Sophomore and Junior high school students to participate in the “We See You” Creative Writing Contest (the “Contest”). Eligible participants will qualify to receive the Elise Woodson Scholarship Award or the Elise Woodson Education Stipend (see Contest Guidelines for details).

## **SNAPSHOTS: STUDENT EDITION VOLUME 5:**

In addition to monetary awards, scholarship recipients will become published authors in CWGLA’s *Snapshots Volume 10, Student Edition Section of Volume 5, which features literary works from our Elise Woodson Scholarship awardees.*

Attached please find the Participant Guidelines, Parental/Guardian Consent. Also attached is a sample student narrative for participants to review.

## **SUBMISSION DEADLINE - September 1, 2024, 11:59PM (PST).**

Thank you for sharing this information with your students.

Sincerely  
Community Writers Group of Los Angeles  
Scholarship Committee  
www.cwgla.org  
[cwgla.weseeyou@gmail.com](mailto:cwgla.weseeyou@gmail.com)

## **PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES**

**Community Writers Group of Los Angeles  
“We See You” Creative Writing Contest  
High School Sophomores & Juniors, Classes of 2025 & 2026**

### **Eligibility Requirements/Checklist**

- High School Class of 2025 & 2026
- 3.0 GPA, **If GPA is less than 3.0**, please provide two letters of recommendations executed by teacher, counselor or employer.
- Recent Transcript - Dec 2023 to present
- Executed Parental/Guardian Consent Form
- 100(max) word biography written in third person + headshot **(clear shot for publication - NO PROFESSIONAL PICTURES - show us your school spirit or send a fun selfie!**
- **Participate in the “WE SEE YOU’ MENTORSHIP PROGRAM**  
**w/ Christopher D. Moore,LLC - “Do The Right Thing” Mentor**  
(<https://www.linkedin.com/in/chrisdmoore88>)  
**Students can expect:**
  1. Cover the state of the entertainment business (A.I., streaming, etc.)
  2. Discuss the elements of a professional script.
  3. Develop characters with story arcs and the importance of adding depth to your characters.
  4. Cover the importance of creative writing even if you chose not to take it up as a profession
  5. Weekly video conference calls
  6. Homework & writing Prompts
  7. Conversations about graduating high school and entering college.
  8. Possible in-person meet up to celebrate the completion of the program

**Dates: September 17, 2024 - December 3, 2024**

**Times: Tuesdays 7:30pm - 8:30pm via ZOOM**

## **WSY Writing Contest Rules:**

- 1) Choose one (1) of the topics below and send us an amazing personal narrative:
  - Topic 1: If you could make a change in your community, what would it be?
  - Topic 2: Does social media affect you and your peers in a positive or negative way and why?
  - Topic 3: When it comes to heritage, what are you most proud of?
- 2) 800 word minimum; 1,000 word maximum
- 3) We want to see YOU. Paint us a picture of the people, places and things you're writing about.
- 4) Give your narrative a title
- 5) **ALL CONTENT MUST BE ORIGINAL**
- 6) **DEADLINE: EMAIL BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2024, 11:59PM (PST) TO:**  
[cw gla.weseeyou@gmail.com](mailto:cw gla.weseeyou@gmail.com)
- 7) **LATE & INCOMPLETE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

## **AWARD OPPORTUNITIES / February 2025**

- One(1) Senior will receive Elise Woodson Scholarship Awards in the amount of \$1,500.
- One(1) Junior will receive Elise Woodson Education Stipends in the amount of \$1,500.
- Certificate of completion.
- Provide a platform to share your story/poem.
- All eligible finalists will be published in the Snapshots: Volume 10 with stories/poetry included in the Student Edition Section, Volume 5.

Contact: CWGLA Scholarship Committee at [cw gla.weseeyou@gmail.com](mailto:cw gla.weseeyou@gmail.com) or phone Ms. Valerie Gilkey - 213.709.8523

**PARENTAL /GUARDIAN CONSENT**

**Community Writers Group of Los Angeles ("CWGLA")  
"We See You" Creative Writing Contest  
High School Sophomores and Juniors, Classes of 2025 & 2026**

My signature on this consent below grants permission for my minor child to participate in the CWGLA "We See You" Creative Writing Contest (the "Contest"). I also acknowledge and agree to the following:

- 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, videos, and photos, written materials and submissions to be displayed, published, exhibited, in any media, and grant all right, title and interest to all materials submitted to CWGLA.
- Use best efforts to be involved with CWGLA/Snapshots book launch and other promotional events, including any possible winner ceremony, interviews, and publicity events, related to the Contest.
- I confirm that the Participant is a member of the Class of 2025/2026 at a high school in California.
- I confirm that any required taxes and/or withholdings in connection with the acceptance of Elise Woodson Scholarship Award or Elise Woodson Education Stipend are the obligation of the Participant and/or Guardian and not the responsibility of CWGLA.
- **Privacy Disclaimer:** Any personal information provided to CWGLA or written and submitted in the Participant's personal narrative may be used for publication, readings, stage plays, television, film, theatrical interpretation, either in whole or in part, and for administration of the Contest, or as otherwise set forth in the Guidelines. Except where prohibited by law, participation in the Contest 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:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Participant Signature:**\_\_\_\_\_ **Parent/Guardian Signature:**\_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY**

**Address:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Email Address:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Participant Email Address:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Phone:**\_\_\_\_\_

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