



# **Kern Council of Teachers of English (KCTE) One Book Project College Writing Contest based on *All You Can Ever Know* by Nicole Chung**

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## ***Essay Contest Guidelines***

**Please carefully read and follow the submission guidelines below:**

- To be eligible, you must be a matriculated student in a First-Year Experience, First-Year Composition, or First-Year Ethnic Studies class at Bakersfield College; California State University, Bakersfield; Cerro Coso College; Porterville College; or Taft College.
- By entering the contest, you affirm that the essay submission is your own original creation.
- All entries must be written without consultation with others. This includes, but is not limited to, no consultation with family members, friends, peer response groups, tutoring centers, or writing centers.
- A written essay is the only literary form accepted (no poems, plays, songs, etc.).
- Only one essay may be submitted by each contestant.
- Each essay should reflect the contestant's own interpretation and original thinking.

### **Essay Specifications:**

- The essay should be between 500 and 1000 words long, typed, double-spaced, using 12-point font (preferably Times New Roman or Arial).
- Each essay should include an original title.
- Your essay itself should not include your name or any other identifiers.
- Use 1-inch margins all around.

- Do not justify the right margin.
- Pages should be sequentially numbered.
- Use MLA-style documentation when quoting from the book.

**Essays will be judged on the following criteria:**

- Creativity – Does the essay reflect a creative and original perspective on the book?
- Organization – Does the argument follow a logical and easily understood progression?
- Clarity – Does the author use concise language?
- Unity/Development of thought – Does the essay reflect a thorough comprehension of the book?
- Grammar/Mechanics – Does the contestant use correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation?

Essays will be judged by a committee of college instructors. Contest winners will be announced immediately before the author's keynote speech on Thursday, October 24, 2024.

**Submitting Your Essay:**

Entries must be received electronically by Dr. Emerson Case by **5 p.m. on Friday, October 11, 2024** at the following email:

**[ecase@csub.edu](mailto:ecase@csub.edu)**

When submitting, please **attach** an electronic version of your essay (preferably in Word format) to your email. The essay itself should contain no identifying information.

Then, include the following information **in the body of your email message**:

- Your name
- Email address
- Phone number
- College or University attending
- Course name/number for which the essay was written
- Name of the instructor of the course
- Title of your essay