



# THE FOCAL ESSAY CONTEST

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For Students in Grades 3 - 8



The FOCAL Award is presented annually to an author for a creative work that enriches a child's appreciation for and understanding of California.



The 2019 award goes to—

*Chef Roy Choi and the Street Food Remix*  
(Bellevue, Washington: Readers to Eaters, 2017)  
by **Jacqueline Briggs Martin and June Jo Lee** (call number: X 92 C545Ma)

Three essay winners will be invited to the FOCAL Award Luncheon on December 14, 2019, receive a copy of the autographed, award winning book, and meet the authors and illustrator. Their teacher and a parent will also receive a complimentary ticket to the award luncheon where the winners will read their essays.

To enter the contest: Read the book, available at your school library, public library or bookstore. Compose an essay carefully following the directions on the entry form (300 words maximum) and submit by November 8.

Directions and entry forms are available on our website: [focalcentral.org](http://focalcentral.org)