



Sam Houston State University Common Reader 2016 Poetry/Lyric Contest

Purpose

This poetry/lyric competition encourages and recognizes incoming first-time freshmen and other students who read and write about the 2016-2017 common reader, *An Astronaut's Guide to Life on Earth* by Col. Chris Hadfield.

Poem/Lyric Topic

Write a poem or lyric that illustrates the spirit of determination and striving for constant improvement displayed by Col. Chris Hadfield in *Astronaut's Guide to Life on Earth*. Examine and explore the universal human drive to explore the universe and ourselves.

Eligibility

The contest is open to first-time freshmen and to other students who enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) at Sam Houston State University in the fall 2016 semester who have read the book.

Prize

Scholarships valued at \$250 each will be awarded to one first-time freshman student and one other full-time student submitting the winning poems/lyrics. The winners will also be invited to lunch with Col. Chris Hadfield on November 1, 2016.

\$250 scholarship	First-time freshman winner
\$250 scholarship	Other full-time student winner

Application

Poems/Lyrics must be submitted by 4:00 pm, Monday, October 10, 2016, to asc@shsu.edu. **Electronic submissions are preferred.** and must be sent as email attachments (Microsoft Word documents, RTF files, or PDF files only). Submissions by traditional mail are also acceptable. Please mail submissions to:

Ann Theodori, Director
Sam Houston State University Academic Success Center
Campus Box 2333
Huntsville, TX 77341

Rules of the Contest

1. All applicants must be students enrolled at Sam Houston State University full-time during the fall 2016 academic term.
2. All poems/lyrics must be typed, double-spaced, on white, 8 ½" x 11" paper and free of any remarks or grade.
3. All submissions must include the submission cover form information on the next page. **The poem/lyric itself must not contain the student's name since poems/lyrics will be evaluated anonymously.** The cover form should be the first page of your poetry/lyric submission and does not count toward the word count in the poem/lyric. When submitting by email, please include all of the information on the cover sheet and the statement of authenticity in the body of your email.
4. A student may submit only one entry.
5. Winners will be notified by the Sam Houston State University Student Success Initiatives Office.
6. There is no minimum length requirement. The maximum length is 200 words.

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SUBMISSION COVER FORM

The 2016 – 2017

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Student's Full Name _____

Student's ID Number _____

Student Email Address _____

Telephone Number _____

I am submitting an original poem/lyric for the SHSU Common Reader
Fall 2016 Poetry/Lyric Contest. I certify that this poem/lyric is my own work.
I understand that my poem/lyric will not be returned to me and may be used by
Sam Houston State University for publication in promotional materials.

Student Signature

Date

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