Sam Houston State University

Spring 2024 Common Reader Digital Art Contest

*The Anthropocene Reviewed: Essays on a Human-Centered Planet* by John Green

**Purpose**

This essay invites an opportunity to explore your connection to themes in the 2023-2024 SHSU Common Reader and qualify for a scholarship.

**Common Reader Digital Art Prompt**:   
“Art is where what we survive survives.” ― John Green. Using this quote as inspiration, create digital art that depicts the theme of human (yours or others) survival. We encourage artists to create art that has a specific and intentional connection to this prompt and is prominently evident in the artwork.

**Eligibility**

The contest is open to all students enrolled a minimum of 9 hours at Sam Houston State University in the spring 2024 semester who have read the book. Student art will be produced and digitally displayed on the website in the spring/summer 2024 semesters. Students must also complete the Scholarships for Kats application to be eligible to receive SHSU Common Reader scholarship awards.

**Awards**

Scholarships will be awarded to students submitting the top three art pieces according to scholarship rules. $300 Best of Show, $200 Second Place, and $100 Honorable Mention.

**Application**

Art must be submitted by 4:00 pm, Friday, April 19, 2024, by submitting the electronic form [here](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=2MtTsZKzREebOePNuGd_AHu9V21tuf5PqXLRDsKANZFUMTNIUlFSNzJSNzVOMEJHWkhYMEUxMU01Sy4u).

**All submissions must be electronic submissions.**

**Submission Requirements**

We invite all full-time SHSU students, regardless of major or college, to submit an original poster design. The winning entries will be determined by a blind jury process.

Artists must adhere to the following specifications in submission design:

* Image size **must** be 18 X 24 inches vertical or horizontal.
* Digital images must be at least **300 dpi.**
* Text must be **bold** and no smaller than 12 point.
* For original paintings: Must be accompanied by **high-resolution** (300 dpi or greater) .tiff, .jpeg, .png or .pdf image of the work.

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**Evaluation Criteria**.

Criteria includes:

* Creativity and originality
* Relevance to the contest theme
* Technique