Purpose
This poetry/lyric competition encourages and recognizes incoming freshmen and students who read and write about the 2013-2014 Bearkats Read to Succeed common reader, The Power of Habit, Why We Do What We Do in Life and Business, by Charles Duhigg.

Poem/Lyric Topic
Students should write a poem or lyric about a habit of theirs or of someone else of which they were reminded as they read The Power of Habit, Why We Do What We Do in Life and Business, by Charles Duhigg.

Eligibility
The contest is open to all first-time freshmen and students who enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) at Sam Houston State University in the fall 2013 semester.

Prize
Scholarships valued at $250 each will be awarded to one first-time freshman student and one other than first-time freshman submitting the winning poems/lyrics. The winners will also be recognized at the author’s dinner with Charles Duhigg in November 2013.

$250 scholarship  First-time freshman winner
$250 scholarship  Non-first-semester freshman winner

Application
Poems/Lyrics must be submitted by 5:00 pm, Friday, October 18, 2013, to wctr@shsu.edu. Electronic submissions are preferred. Submissions should 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 Writing 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 2013 academic term.

2. All poems/lyrics must be typed, double-spaced, on white, 8½” 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 Writing Center.

6. There is no minimum length requirement. The maximum length is 200 words.
SUBMISSION COVER FORM

The 2013 – 2014
Sam Houston State University
Bearkats Read to Succeed
Fall 2013 Poetry/Lyric Contest

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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 Bearkats Read to Succeed
Fall 2013 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

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Date