



## Sam Houston State University Barkats Read to Succeed 2014 Poetry/Lyric Contest



### Purpose

This poetry/lyric competition encourages and recognizes incoming freshmen and students who read and write about the 2014-2015 Barkats Read to Succeed common reader, *Ready Player One*, by Ernest Cline.

### Poem/Lyric Topic

Students should write a poem or lyric about a surviving spirit in a dystopian future dependent on virtual reality and threatened by environmental decline or about key concerns in contemporary life and technology's place in our future: social networking, online identity, environmental sustainability, online education, and our relationship to the past as referenced in *Ready Player One*, by Ernest Cline.

### 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 2014 semester.

### Prize

Scholarships valued at \$250 each will be awarded to one first-time freshman student and other full-time student submitting the winning poems/lyrics. The winners will also be recognized at the author's lunch with Ernest Cline on November 12, 2014.

\$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 20, 2014, to [aet011@shsu.edu](mailto:aet011@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 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 2014 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 Writing Center.

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

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SUBMISSION COVER FORM

The 2014 – 2015  
Sam Houston State University  
Barkats Read to Succeed  
Fall 2014 Poetry/Lyric Contest



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Electronic email submissions: [wctr@shsu.edu](mailto:wctr@shsu.edu)

Student's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Student's ID Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

I am submitting an original poem/lyric for the Barkats Read to Succeed  
Fall 2014 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.

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Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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