

# SJSU Student Poetry Contest In Recognition of SJSU's *Legacy of Poetry*

## Opportunity to Win a Prize and Have Your Poem Displayed and Publicly Read

The Campus Reading Program and the Department of English and Comparative Literature are sponsoring a poetry contest tied to the celebration of SJSU's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and our Legacy of Poetry.

### Details

- § Open to any SJSU student enrolled during the 06/07 academic year.
  - § Individual entries only (no team entries).
  - § The poem should be written to reflect the spirit, style and/or life of one or both of these famous SJSU poets –
    - Edwin Markham
    - Dr. Henry Meade Bland
- For information on these poets, please visit [www.sjsu.edu/reading/poetry](http://www.sjsu.edu/reading/poetry).
- § Poems can be in either meter or open form.
  - § Include a cover page with the title of your poem, your name, email address, and signature to the statement "This is my original work."
  - § Poems will be judged by a panel of faculty and students from the Creative Writing Program in the Department of English and Comparative Literature.
  - § Poems will be judged based on:
    - § Creativity.
    - § Eloquence.
    - § Clarity of thought.
    - § Following instructions.
    - § Displaying an understanding for the craft of poetry.

### Prizes

- § 1<sup>st</sup> - \$100 (Spartan Bookstore gift certificate).
- § 2 honorable mention prizes of \$25 each (Spartan Bookstore gift certificate).
- § Winners will also have their poems displayed during a special poetry event to be held on April 5, 2007 in the King Library and posted on the Campus Reading Program website. They will also have an opportunity to read their poem at a special campus event on April 23 (noontime).
- § Winners will be notified by email by March 23, 2007.

### Submission Process

- § Poems are due no later than 5 pm on Friday February 16, 2007.
- § One entry per student.
- § Submit your poem electronically as an attachment to [sjsureads@sjsu.edu](mailto:sjsureads@sjsu.edu). Be sure the subject of the email indicates "Poetry Contest Submission." Be sure the attachment includes the cover page. The body of the email should include your statement that the poem is your original work.
- § No handwritten entries will be accepted.
- § You will receive a confirmation by email that your poem was received. If you do not receive a confirmation by Monday February 19, 2007, please contact Professor Nellen at [anellen@sjsu.edu](mailto:anellen@sjsu.edu).

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