



## **STEVEN DE SOUZA WRITING CHALLENGE CONTEST AGREEMENT**

This Steve De Souza Writing Challenge Contest ("**Contest**") Agreement (the "**Agreement**") Agreement is between Utah Valley University ("**UVU**") and the student submitting a script (the "**Script**") for the Contest ("**Participant**").

### 1. Submission Guidelines.

- a. A prompt for the Contest will be available on the Contest webpage from noon, Saturday, February 16, 2025, through Tuesday, February 18, 2025.
- b. Participant must be a currently enrolled UVU student.
- c. Participant may submit no more than one script.
- d. The Script must be responsive to the prompt.
- e. The Script must be in standard screenplay format (explained in the description of the Contest at <https://www.uvu.edu/innovation/fanx-studios/green-room/>) and between one to three pages in length.
- f. The Script must be Participant's own, original work. Plagiarism or the use of previously published material (including self-published work) is not allowed.
- g. The Script must be written without the aid of AI-generated content, including tools such as ChatGPT, Grammarly's AI rewriter, or other similar programs. Minor grammar and spell-checking tools may be used, but AI-generated text or substantial AI editing is not permitted.
- h. Participant must submit the Script by means of the Contest webpage by no later than noon on Tuesday, February 18, 2025. No late submissions will be accepted.

### 2. Selection Process.

- a. A Steven De Souza Writing Challenge session will be held February 27 from 3-5 pm in LA 101 (the "Session").
- b. Before the Session UVU will randomly assign a unique number to each script that is submitted.
- c. At the beginning of the Session, any script that was submitted to the Contest will be eliminated from the Contest if its author is not present; accordingly, the Script will be eliminated from the Contest if Participant is not present at the beginning of the Session.
- d. During the Session, commencing in order from the script assigned the lowest number, Steven de Souza will review and comment aloud on as many scripts as time allows (the "Reviewed Scripts"), not having seen the scripts prior to the Session.
- e. After the session, the best script will be selected from the Reviewed Scripts by a panel comprised of Steve De Souza, Jonathan Schwartz, and Brent Baum. The panel's selection will be based on the following criteria: creativity and structure. Their decision will be final.
- f. The best script will be announced in person at the end of the session. The author must be present to win. If the author is not present, the panel will announce the second-best script as the best script, and so on, until the panel has announced a script for which the author is present. If the Script is selected as the best script, UVU shall award Participant \$1,000, subject to Participant's compliance with this Agreement.

3. Disputes. Participant shall refer any questions or disputes about the Submission Guidelines or Selection Process to the Associate Provost for Academic Innovation, Tammy Clark, who shall have sole authority and discretion to resolve them.

4. Representations. Participant represents and warrants that: (a) Participant is the sole creator of the Script and the Script has not been copied from any other work; (b) Participant has the right to submit the Script to the Contest and has not assigned any ownership rights or granted any licenses to the Script to any other party; and (c) the Script does not infringe upon the intellectual property rights of any third party; (d) Participant is eighteen years old or more and competent to contract in his or her own name; and, (e) Participant and the Script satisfy all other requirements described in this Agreement.



5. Rights and Permissions. Participant retains all right, title, and interest, including all intellectual property rights, in and to the Script. Participant grants UVU the right to use Participant's name and the Script for promotional purposes.

6. General Conditions.

- a. Compliance. UVU and Participant will comply with all relevant UVU policies and all relevant laws, including any tax reporting if Participant's Script is selected as the best script.
- b. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Utah.
- c. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior or contemporaneous communications, representations, or agreements, whether oral or written.
- d. Waiver. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing and signed by both parties.
- e. Conflicts. In the event of a conflict between this Agreement and any other description of the Contest, this Agreement shall govern.

7. Electronic Signature. By submitting the Script, Participant enters the Agreement with UVU effective as of the date of submission.