

# Annual Sister Cities Photography Challenge

## 2018 Theme: The Art of Diplomacy

Sister Cities International aims to promote peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation – one individual, one community at a time. This year’s theme, “**The Art of Diplomacy**” highlights the importance of citizen diplomacy and the innovative ways citizen diplomats achieve peace through people-to-people interaction. Photographers are encouraged to draw inspiration from their experiences with sister cities, travel, exchange, international friendships, and the many ways that people cultivate relationships across cultures. Students are encouraged to think beyond traditional images of shaking hands to represent diplomacy and peacemaking.

### REQUIREMENTS

- Participants are encouraged to be creative! Photographers may submit original photography inspired by the theme “The Art of Diplomacy.”
- All entries must be submitted through Instagram and must include @SisterCitiesInt, #YAAS2018, and the city, state, and country where the photographer is from in the photo’s caption to qualify. Applicants must also fill out the Google form at <http://bit.ly/YAAS2018>.
- Save the original photo to send to Sister Cities International if chosen as a Grand Prize Winner or Finalist.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Students must be between 13 and 22 years of age at the time of the 2018 deadline.
- A maximum of 5 entries are allowed per student.
- The student must be affiliated with a dues-paying member of Sister Cities International or an international community with a dues paying sister city. To find out more about your closest member, please visit our site <http://sistercities.org> and search for your city in the “City Search” section.
- All entries must conform to Sister Cities International’s policy on plagiarism found at [sistercities.org/YAAS](http://sistercities.org/YAAS) and Instagram’s community guidelines at <http://bit.ly/2bJgOSP>.
- All entries must meet the criteria listed above, or will be ineligible.
- All photos must be posted to Instagram by **MAY 1, 2018**.

### AWARDS

- Judging will take place in late May and winners and finalists will be announced in June.
- All photography entries will be published to Sister Cities International's [Tumblr page](#).
- One (1) photographer will be selected as Grand Prize Winner and will be awarded a \$1,000 prize!
- Five (5) U.S. finalists and five (5) international finalists will be selected.
- The Grand Prize Winners’ and Finalists’ artwork will be displayed at the 2018 Annual Conference in Aurora, CO
- After the Conference, the artwork will go on a tour to select cities across the U.S.

**Note:** There is NO FEE to enter.

**More information:**

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### **Photographer's Waiver**

I understand that all showcase entries become the artistic property of Sister Cities International. Although the artist retains his/her copyright for other uses, Sister Cities International will retain perpetual, non-exclusive rights to use submitted artwork in any future publication, promotional material, and/or online service with no compensation other than credit with the artist's name and community.

By submitting this entry to Instagram, I agree to give Sister Cities International, its members, and affiliates permission to publish and display the submitted entry at public exhibits, online, in publications, and/or in promotional materials, at the discretion of Sister Cities International. I agree to abide by all the rules and terms of the showcase and agree to waive all claims of any kind against the showcase organizers.