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Young Artists & Authors Showcase

The Young Artists and Authors Showcase (YAAS) encourages youth from around the globe to express the mission of Sister Cities International through original artwork, literature, film, and photography.

Students from national and international sister city member communities interpret an annual theme and send their work to Washington, DC where a panel of judges selects Grand Prize Winners and Finalists based on originality, composition, and theme interpretation.

After the finalists for art, literature, film, and photography are announced, the works go on a yearlong tour hosted by local sister city programs on a monthly basis, and the grand prize winners receive \$1000 each.



2018 Theme: The Art of Diplomacy

Sister Cities International promotes 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.

Students 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.

The deadline to submit entries to Sister Cities International is May 1, 2018

Rules and Requirements

Art

- Student must be 13 - 18 years old
- Art must be 2D, unframed, and no larger than 24 in x 36 in (61 cm x 91.5 cm)
- One submission from member community & one from each sister city
- **One (1) International Grand Prize Winner & one (1) US Grand Prize Winner**
- Five (5) U.S. Finalists & five (5) International Finalists

Literature

- Student must be 13 - 18 years old
- Essays: 500 words or less | Poems: 200 words or less
- Multiple entries allowed; limit of 5 entries per classroom
- **One (1) Grand Prize Winner**
- Two (2) Essay Finalists & two (2) Poetry Finalists

Photo

- Student must be 13 - 22 years old
- Submit photos via Instagram (multiple entries allowed) with the following: @SisterCitiesInt, #YAAS2018, and photographer City/State/Country
- **One (1) Grand Prize Winner**
- Five (5) U.S. Finalists & five (5) International Finalists

Film

- Student must be 13 - 22 years old
- Film must be 1-10 minutes in length
- Film must be submitted to Cinequest
- **One (1) Grand Prize Winner**
- One (1) Finalist

- Winners and finalists will be announced in June.
- All art, photography, and writing entries will be published to Sister Cities International's Tumblr (<https://www.tumblr.com/blog/sistercitiesinternational>).
- All winners and finalists will be displayed at the 2018 Annual Conference in Aurora, Colorado and go on a tour to select cities across the U.S.
- There is NO FEE for art, writing, or photography entries. There is a \$25 fee for film entries.
- There is a \$25 return fee per art piece for the Young Artists Showcase if the program/artist wants the art returned.
- Photographers must submit a contest entry form on Google. View the form at <http://bit.ly/YAAS2018>.

Interested?

For more information and to download detailed guidelines and entry forms, please visit www.sistercities.org/YAAS.

For other questions, please email youth@sistercities.org.

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