

Annual Young Artists Showcase Guidelines

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. Artists 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 the traditional images of shaking hands to represent diplomacy and peacemaking.

MEDIUM & SPECIFICATIONS

- One (1) piece of artwork will be accepted from each U.S. member community and one (1) from each of their sister cities. **Members with multiple entries are encouraged to form their own local competitions and submit the winner to Sister Cities International’s national competition.**
- All media is encouraged except for photography. Please submit all photography through the photography challenge.
 - ◊ Ex. Oil paint, acrylic paint, watercolor, charcoal, colored pencil, crayon, ink, marker, etching, collage, and more!
- Only two-dimensional (2D), unframed artwork will be accepted. All entries must be supported by matting if applicable.
- Dimensions of the art and matting must not exceed 24 in. x 36 in. (61 cm. x 91 cm.).

ELIGIBILITY

- Students must be between 13 and 18 years of age at the time of the 2018 deadline.
- The student must be affiliated with a dues-paying member of Sister Cities International or an international community with a dues paying sister city.
- All entries must meet the criteria listed above, or will be ineligible and returned to the artist.
- All entries must conform to Sister Cities International’s policy on plagiarism found at sistercities.org/YAAS.
- Individual entries should be sent to your local sister city organization. Contact your local sister city representative for local deadlines.
- All final entries must be submitted with a completed entry form postmarked by **MAY 1, 2018**.

THE WINNING ENTRY FROM THE LOCAL COMPETITION SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SCI OFFICE BY MAY 1, 2018:

Sister Cities International, Young Artists Showcase,
915 15th Street NW, 4th Floor, Washington, DC
20005

More information:

www.sistercities.org/YAAS | youth@sistercities.org

AWARDS

- Judging will take place in late May and winners and finalists will be announced in June.
- All artists’ work will be published to Sister Cities International’s [Tumblr Page](#).
- One (1) U.S. artist and one (1) international artist will be selected as Grand Prize Winners.
- **Each Grand Prize Winner will receive \$1,000 cash!**
- Five (5) U.S. and five (5) international finalists will be selected.
- All winners’ 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.

There is NO FEE to enter the Young Artists Showcase.

The return fee is \$25.00 per piece of art (only if the artist/program would like the art returned).

Please print clearly in English and enclose this form with the artwork

DEADLINE: SUBMISSION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MAY 1, 2018

| Artist Information: | |
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| Full Name (First, Last) | |
| ____/____/____ | _____ |
| Birth Date (MM/DD/YY) | Gender |
| _____ | _____ |
| Phone Number | E-mail Address |
| _____ | _____ |
| Mailing Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code, Country) | |
| _____ | |
| Title of Artwork | |
| _____ | |

| Sister Cities Member Sponsor Information: | |
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| Sister City Program Sponsoring the Entry | |
| _____ | |
| Sister City Contact Person | |
| _____ | _____ |
| Phone Number | E-mail Address |
| _____ | _____ |
| Sister City Program Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code, Country) | |
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| How did you hear about YAAS? | |
| _____ | |

Please tell us what inspired you to create this work. Continue on another sheet of paper if you need more space.

Artist'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. Sister Cities International takes no responsibility and will not compensate for any lost or damaged artwork.

By submitting this entry, 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.

Date

Signature of Artist

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Would you like the artwork returned?

- NO, I hereby donate my artwork to Sister Cities International to sell as an item at its Annual Conference silent auction.
- YES, I would like my artwork returned. An additional \$25 return fee is included with this entry form.

If the art is to be returned, please indicate below the recipient's address. P.O. Boxes cannot be accepted by the mail service.

The return address is:

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