 **Annual Young Authors Showcase Guidelines**

**Global Citizens: Resilient Communities**

Sister Cities International aims to promote peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation – one individual, one community at a time. This year’s theme, “**Global Citizens: Resilient Communities**,” highlights the importance of citizen diplomacy and the innovative ways citizen diplomats achieve peace through people-to-people interaction.

Authors 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.

#  CATEGORIES & SPECIFICATIONS

* Categories: Essay or Poetry.
* Essays are not to exceed 500 words, poetry is not to exceed

200 words.

* Entries must be submitted in English
* Judges will evaluate entries based on theme interpretation, composition, and grammar.
* All work must be original and inspired by the theme.
* **All submissions must be emailed to** **youth@sistercities.org** **by the April 1, 2019 deadline.**

 **ELIGIBILITY**

 **MORE INFORMATION:**

 [www.sistercities.org/](http://sister-cities.org/)YAAS

 youth@sistercities.org

 **SUBMIT ENTRIES AND ENTRY FORMS**

 **BY APRIL 1, 2019 TO:**

 youth@sistercities.org

 **AWARDS**

* Judging will take place in late May, and winners and finalists will be announced in June.
* One (1) Grand Prize Winner will be selected from both the poetry and essay categories.
* **Each Grand Prize Winner will receive $1,000 cash!**
* Two (2) finalists will be selected from both the poetry and essay categories.
* The six (6) winning entries will be published on the Sister Cities International website and will be displayed at the 2019 Annual Conference in Houston, Texas.
* After the Conference, the winning entries will go on a tour to select cities across the U.S.
* Students must be between 13 and 18 years of age at the time of the 2019 deadline.
* The student must be affiliated with a dues-paying member of Sister Cities International or an international community that is sister cities with a

member.

* One (1) entry is allowed per student. Multiple entries are allowed from

each sister city member and their international partners. Please limit five

(5) entries per classroom.

* All entries must conform to Sister Cities International’s policy on plagiarism found at sistercities.org/YAAS.

 **Annual Young Authors Showcase Entry Form**

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**Please print clearly in English and enclose this form with the essay/poetry**

 **DEADLINE: SUBMISSION MUST BE SENT ELECTRONICALLY TO YOUTH@SISTERCITIES.ORG BY APRIL 1, 2019**

**Title of Submission**

**Mailing Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code, Country)**

**E-mail Address**

**Phone Number**

**Full Name (First, Last)**

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**Birth Date (MM/DD/YY) Gender**

**Author Information:**

**How did you hear about YAAS?**

**Sister City Program Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code, Country)**

**E-mail Address**

**Phone Number**

**Sister City Contact Person**

**Sister City Program Sponsoring the Entry**

**Sister Cities Member Sponsor Information:**

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

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Author

Date

 **Author’s Waiver**

By submitting this entry, I agree to give Sister Cities International, its members and affiliates, permission to publish and display the sub-

mitted 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.

 **Send entry form and entry by APRIL 1, 2019 to:**

 youth@sistercities.org

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