



**SisterCities**  
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# Young Artists & Authors Showcase

## 2019 Theme

Global Citizens: Resilient Communities

## Submission Deadline

April 1, 2019

## About the Theme

Resilience refers to how well an individual/community is able to anticipate, adapt, and respond to adversity or challenges. How can internationally-engaged future leaders help communities respond to the various global challenges of the 21st century? This year's theme asks students to explore this question through the lens of citizen diplomacy.

## About the Showcase

The Young Artists and Authors Showcase (YAAS) encourages youth worldwide to express our mission through original artwork, literature, and photography.

Students interpret an annual theme and send their work to Washington, D.C. where a panel of judges selects grand prize winners and finalists based on originality, composition, and theme interpretation.

Winning entries are displayed at the Annual Conference and go on a year-long tour to various U.S. cities.



# Showcase Guidelines



## Eligibility

- Art and Literature: students must be 13-18 years old to qualify.
- Photography students must be 13-22 years old to qualify.
- All work must be original.

## Fees

- There is **NO fee** to submit an entry to YAAS.
- If the student or Sister City program wants their artwork returned, there is a **\$25 fee** per art piece.



## Art

- Art must be 2-D, unframed, and no larger than 24 in x 36 in (61 cm x 91.5 cm).
- One (1) submission from member community and one (1) from each Sister City.
- One (1) international grand prize winner and one (1) U.S. grand prize winner.
- Five (5) U.S. finalists and five (5) international finalists.

## Literature

- Essays: 500 words or less.
- Poems: 200 words or less.
- Multiple entries allowed; limit of five (5) entries per classroom.
- One (1) grand prize winner.
- Two (2) essay finalists and two (2) poetry finalists.

## Photography

- Submit photos via Instagram (maximum 5 entries).
- Caption must include @SisterCitiesInt, #YAAS2019, and the student's city/state/country.
- One (1) grand prize winner.
- Five (5) U.S. finalists and five (5) international finalists.

## Ready to Get Started?

Visit the Young Artists and Authors Showcase page at [sistercities.org/YAAS](https://sistercities.org/YAAS) to read our plagiarism policy and to download entry forms. Still have questions? Email [youth@sistercities.org](mailto:youth@sistercities.org).