

BEST OVERALL PROGRAM

Award Description

The Best Overall Award recognizes outstanding achievement by a city's sister city program in 2019. Winning applicants will demonstrate some or all of the following:

- Regular exchanges among many or all of their partnerships.
- Exchanges across many sectors, including youth, education, arts, culture, economic development, technical assistance, and humanitarian work.
- Inclusion of a broad array of organizations in their community, and partner community, including municipal government, businesses, nonprofits, academia, cultural organizations, trade associations, and civic groups, as well as underserved communities, including minorities, people with disabilities, and low-income communities.
- Breadth and depth of impact.
- Emphasis on youth and giving young people their first opportunity to travel abroad.
- Expansion or improvement of previous activities or programs.
- A commitment to reinforcing the principles of citizen diplomacy and the mission of Sister Cities International: to promote peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation—one individual, one community at a time.

Best Overall awards are presented to **six (6) communities** according to the following population sizes:

- *Population of less than 10,000*
- *Population of 10,001 – 25,000*
- *Population of 25,001 – 50,000*
- *Population of 50,001 – 100,000*
- *Population of 100,001 – 300,000*
- *Population greater than 300,001*

Directions

Please complete the application form on the next page. Additionally, please prepare your program summary statements in a **WORD DOCUMENT**. Please also send 3 high-resolution photos (.jpg or .png format preferred), to awards@sistercities.org. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. The photos will be used for promotional purposes. **Submit your application by June 1, 2019.**

Required: Program Summary Statements

1. Executive summary of activities and impact. (*max 250 words*)
2. List each of your sister cities. For each partnership, please indicate whether or not you implemented an exchange or activity this year, or if it was dormant.
3. For each active sister city, please include a brief summary of activities, including organizations or groups that participated and an overview of the objective of the exchange and its impact. Impact can be measured in terms of the number of participants or in terms of the qualitative and quantitative changes that resulted from the activities. (*500 words max/city*)
4. A brief summary of how you believe your program has improved since last year. (*250 words max*)
5. A brief summary of how you incorporated the concept of citizen diplomacy and/or SCI's mission into your programming. (*250 words max*)

2019 Annual Awards Application

Award Category *(please check one)*

- Best Overall
- Innovation: Arts and Culture
- Innovation: Youth and Education
- Innovation: Business and Trade
- Innovation: Humanitarian Assistance
- Innovation: Professional and Technical Assistance
- Volunteer of the Year
- Youth Leadership

If you wish to submit an application for multiple awards, please note that you must complete separate entry forms for each category in which you want to submit an application.

General Information

Organization Name *(as it should appear on the award)*

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| City | State | Population |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |

Organization Email

Organization Mailing Address

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| City | State | Zip Code |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |

Organization Website URL (if available)

Contact Information

Name of Entry Contact

Phone Number of Entry Contact

Email Address of Entry Contact

Name of the Head of Sister City Program

Please fill out the entire form above. Additionally, please prepare your program summary statements in a separate word document.

When you are ready to submit your application, please attach this completed form, your program summary statement word document, and 3 high-resolution photos (.png or .jpeg) in an email and send to awards@sistercities.org. Winners will be announced and contacted via email mid June 2019.

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