The Young Artists and Authors Showcase (YAAS) is an annual contest that encourages youth worldwide to express the mission of Sister Cities International through original artwork, literature, and photography.

Submissions are centered around an annual theme and judged based on originality, composition, and theme interpretation.

Selected Grand Prize Winners in each category (art, literature, and photography) win a $1000 prize. After the finalists for art, literature, and photography have been announced, their works are displayed in Sister Cities around the U.S. in a year-long tour.

**How to Enter**

Students and member cities should send their art and/or literature, along with their corresponding completed entry form, to Sister Cities International by mail or by emailing youth@sistercities.org. Visit our website to download and complete the entry form.

**Guidelines**

**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.

**Eligibility**
- Art and literature: Student must be 13-18 years old
- Photography: Student must be 13-22 years old

**Art**
- Art must be two-dimensional, unframed, and no larger than 24 in x 36 in or 61 cm x 91.5 cm
- One [1] piece of artwork will be accepted from each U.S. member community and one [1] piece of art from each of their Sister Cities

**Literature**
- Essays must be 500 words or less
- Poems must be 200 words or less
- Multiple entries allowed; limit of five [5] entries per classroom
- One [1] Grand Prize Winner

**Photography**
- Photos must be submitted via Instagram. Students must include @SisterCitiesInt, #YAAS2020 and their city/state/country in the Instagram caption
- Multiple entries allowed; limit of five [5] entries per student
- One [1] Grand Prize winner

**2020 THEME – "One World: Out of Many, We are One"**

The deadline to submit entries is April 3, 2020

Visit the webpage at sistercities.org/YAAS

More Info
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