



YOUNG ARTISTS AND AUTHORS SHOWCASE

The 2020 Theme:

“ONE WORLD: OUT OF MANY, WE ARE ONE”

Deadline for Submission to Mesa Sister Cities: Friday, January 31, 2020

Mission: To promote peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation – one individual, one community at a time.

Each year, the Young Artists and Authors Showcase (YAAS) encourages youth from around the globe to express the mission of Sister Cities International through original artwork, literature, film, and photography.

The work is sent from sister city member communities to Washington DC, where a panel of judges selects Grand Prize Winners and Finalists based on originality, composition and theme interpretation.

Each Grand Prize Winner is awarded \$1000.

The 2020 Theme: This year’s theme asks students to explore these questions by highlighting citizen diplomacy and the creative ways that we create peace through people-to-people interaction.

- How can internationally engaged future leaders help communities address global challenges of – social unity and peace – in the 21st century?
- How does international experience affect an individual or community’s ability to adapt?
- What are some examples/illustrations of coming together and celebrating our humanity?

Eligibility: Participants must be between the ages of 13 and 18 years of age as of March 1, 2020 and must be a resident of Mesa AZ or one of Mesa’s 5 sister cities.

Specifications by Category:

Artwork: 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.).

Essay/Poetry: Essays are not to exceed 500 words, poetry is not to exceed 200 words. Entries must be submitted in English.

Photography*: Participants are encouraged to be creative! Submit original photography through Instagram- must include @SisterCitiesInt, #YAAS2018, and the city, state, and country where the photographer is from in the photo’s caption to qualify. Maximum 10 entries per student. (Save the original photo to send to Sister Cities International if chosen as a Grand Prize Winner or Finalist.) **Ages 13-22 for Photography only.**

Mesa Sister Cities will announce winners in the Artwork and Essay/Poetry categories at an Awards Reception in February (date tbd)

The winning artwork will be sent to Sister Cities International for judging. Grand prize winners and finalists will be announced in June.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND SUBMISSIONS, Please Contact:

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