

DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2022

What is YAAS?

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, photography, and music.

How is it judged?

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

Are there prizes?

Selected Grand Prize Winners in each category will win a \$1,000 prize, while second place winners will win \$250 and third place winners will be awarded \$100. Winners' artwork will be displayed on the Sister Cities Website after the winners are announced during the Youth Leadership Summit.

How to Enter

Students are to check in with their member cities to ensure eligibility for this YAAS competition. Sister City organizations must ensure that they are dues paying members. After this coordination, the application can be filled out for submission.

Eligibility & Guidelines

FEES

- There is **NO fee** to submit an entry to YAAS at the national office.

ELIGIBILITY

- Students must be 13 - 18 years old to participate in the YAAS competition.

EXTRA INFO

Find our [FAQ](#) and additional information on our website at www.sistercities.org.

SHOWCASE CATEGORIES

Classic Art

- Students may submit one (1) piece of art.
- Media accepted include but are not limited to oil, acrylic, watercolor, charcoal, colored pencil. Digital art will be taken in a separate category.
- Only two-dimensional (2-D), unframed artwork will be accepted.
- Students must upload the photograph of their artwork in the application in a .jpeg/.jpg or .png format.

Authors

- Students may submit one (1) piece of writing.
- Articles can be creative writing, essays, anecdotes, and other written works following the content guidelines below.
- Students must upload their document in either a .pdf or .doc format and not exceed 500 words.
- Submissions must be written in English.

Digital Art

- Students may submit one (1) piece of art
- Digital mediums will be accepted in this category. See website for more details.
- Moving art pieces will not be accepted.
- Submissions must have a minimum of 1350x1080 px.
- Students must upload the file of their artwork in the application in a .jpeg/.jpg or .png format.

Poets

- Students may submit one (1) piece of writing.
- Students must upload a file of their work in the application in either a .pdf or .doc format.
- Submissions must be written in English.
- Poetry must not exceed 200 words.

Photographers

- Students may submit one (1) photograph.
- Limited digital manipulation is allowed for the photographers showcase. Edits include but are not limited to filters and lighting. See website for more details.
- Only two-dimensional (2-D), unframed artwork will be accepted.
- Students must upload their photograph in the application in a .jpeg/jpg or .png format.

Musicians

- Students may submit one (1) piece of music.
- Students should submit their music piece in their application through MP3 format only.
- Only audio submissions will be accepted; no videos.
- Submissions cannot exceed 4 minutes.
- The piece **must be original**. Reinterpreted music will not be accepted.