

# 2025 YOUNG ARTIST & AUTHOR SHOWCASE

FRIENDSHIP: THE HEARTBEAT OF GLOBAL PEACE



**Deadline to Enter  
FEBRUARY 28, 2025**

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## 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. <https://sistercities.org/yaas/2025>

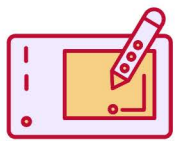
## ARE THERE PRIZES?

Sister Cities International will award the following prizes: Selected Grand Prize Winners in each category will win a \$1,000 prize, while second place winners will win \$500, and third place winners will be awarded \$250. Winners' artwork will be displayed on the Sister Cities International Website after the winners are announced during the Youth Leadership Summit. Local prizes will be awarded as well.



## CLASSIC ART

- Media accepted includes but is not limited to oil, acrylic, watercolor, charcoal, and colored pencils.
- Photograph of the artwork must be submitted in the application in a .jpg or .png format.



## DIGITAL ART

- Submissions must have a minimum of 1350x1080 px.
- Moving art pieces will not be accepted.
- Photograph of the artwork must be submitted in the application in a .jpg or .png format.



## ESSAY SHOWCASE

- Essay submissions can be creative writing, anecdotes, and other written words following the content guidelines.
- Submissions must be written in English.
- Essays must not exceed 500 words.
- Writing must be submitted in the application in a .pdf or .doc format.

## HOW IS IT JUDGED?

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

## ELIGIBILITY & GUIDELINES:

There is NO fee to submit an entry to the local or International YAAS competition. Students must be 12-18 years old to participate in the YAAS competition. The City will be judging local submissions to determine which entries are submitted to the international competition. Prizes will be awarded to local winners. Fill out an application provided on our website, Facebook page or by your teacher and submit it with your piece.



## POETRY SHOWCASE

- Submissions must be written in English.
- Poetry must not exceed 200 words.
- Students must upload their document in either a .pdf or .doc format.



## ORIGINAL MUSIC

- Only audio submissions will be accepted, no videos.
- The piece must be original. Reinterpreted music will not be accepted.
- Music recordings do not have to be live. Music writing software is acceptable.
- Submissions can not exceed four minutes.
- Music must be submitted in the application in a MP3 format.



## PHOTOGRAPHY SHOWCASE

- Limited digital manipulation is allowed for the photographers showcase. Edits include but are not limited to filters, lighting changes, color corrections, and cropping. However, adding or removing key elements of the photo is not allowed. Please note that heavy edits change the category of the submission. If that is the case, please consider submitting your artwork under the digital art category.
- Only two-dimensional (2-D) artwork will be accepted.
- Photograph must be submitted in the application in a .jpg or .png format.



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