



YOUNG ARTISTS AND AUTHORS SHOWCASE

The 2018 Theme: The Art of Diplomacy

Deadline for Submission to Mesa Sister Cities: Monday, January 15, 2018

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 2018 Theme: “The Art of Diplomacy” showcases the importance of both institutional and citizen diplomacy efforts to achieve peace. (How do you see the positive effects of diplomacy in your everyday life? Participants are encouraged to draw inspiration from experiences with travel, exchange programs, international friendships, and their goals to present a vision of the art of diplomacy.)

Eligibility: Participants must be between the ages of 13 and 18 years of age as of March 1, 2018 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.)

Short Film*: Submit a film entry (access code: sisterscities) at: <https://www.cinequest.org/sister-cities-film-submissions>

*age requirement for photography and short film is 13-22 years old as of March 1, 2018

Mesa Sister Cities will announce winners in the Artwork and Essay/Poetry categories at an Awards Reception on Tuesday, February 6, 2018

The winning artwork will be sent to Sister Cities International for judging. Grand prize winners and finalists will be announced in June. Winning pieces will be published on the Sister Cities International Website and will be displayed at the 2018 Annual Conference.

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