



**SisterCities**  
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# 2024 YOUNG ARTISTS AND AUTHORS SHOWCASE

## CLIMATESCAPE: Resilient Cities for Tomorrow's Climate

**DEADLINE:**

**JUNE 1, 2024**

<https://yaas2024.org/>

**EMAIL:**

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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.

### **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.

### **Eligibility and Guidelines**

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.

There is NO fee to submit an entry to YAAS at the national office. Students must be 13-18 years old to participate in the YAAS competition.



## Classic Art

- Students may submit one (1) piece of art.
- Media accepted includes but is not limited to oil, acrylic, watercolor, charcoal, and colored pencils. Digital art will be taken in a separate category.
- Students must upload the photograph of their artwork in the application in a .jpeg/.jpg or .png format.



## Digital Art

- Students may submit one (1) piece of art.
- Digital mediums will be accepted in this category. See the 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.



## 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 the website for more details.
- Only two-dimensional (2-D), unframed artwork will be accepted.
- Students must upload the file of their artwork in the application in a .jpeg/.jpg or .png



## 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.



## Authors

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



## Poets

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