

8th Annual

Sister Cities International

Young Authors Showcase

2016



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Submission Guidelines

DEADLINE: April 22nd, 2016

Theme:

Sister Cities International aims to promote peace through mutual respect, understanding and cooperation – one individual, one community at a time. This year’s theme, “Peace through People” will commemorate the 60th Anniversary of Sister Cities International by celebrating 60 years of global citizen action and impact while looking ahead toward a better future for the world, so that people can come together and find common ground, prosperity, and peace.

When President Eisenhower founded Sister Cities International in 1956, he stated that, “If we are going to take advantage of the assumption that all people want peace, then the problem is for people to get together and to leap governments – if necessary to evade governments – to work out not one method but thousands of methods by which people can gradually learn a little bit more of each other.”

What is your interpretation of President Eisenhower’s words about Sister Cities International? What is your vision of how people to people exchanges and citizen diplomacy build peace in their communities?

Category & Specifications:

- ✚ Categories: Essay or Poetry
- ✚ Essays are not to exceed 500 words, and poetry is not to exceed 25 lines.
- ✚ If entries are in a native language, please provide an accurate translation to English.
- ✚ Judges will evaluate entries based on their interpretation, composition, and grammar.
- ✚ Only one (1) entry is allowed per participant.
- ✚ All work must be original and inspired by the theme. Entries may not be plagiarized, stolen, or copied from other sources.

Entries:

Each participating student artist must be between 13 and 18 years of age by the deadline. All entries must be the original work of the entrant. Students must submit their work to Lexington Sister Cities by April 22nd, 2016.

Awards:

International Competition:

A first place winner will be selected from both the poetry and essay categories. Each first place winner will receive **\$1,000 CASH**. Second and third place winners will also be selected from the poetry and essay categories.

The six (6) winning entries will be published on the Sister Cities International website and displayed at the 2016 Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.

Young Authors Showcase Entry Form

Deadline: April 22nd, 2016

Please print clearly and enclose this form with the writing.

“Peace through People.”

Name: _____

Birth Date: _____ Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

School: _____

English Teacher: _____

Title of Work: _____

What inspired you to create this work?

We understand that: All showcase entries become the artistic property of Sister Cities International. Although the writer retains his/her copyright for other uses, Sister Cities International will retain perpetual, non-exclusive rights to use submitted work in any future publication, promotional material and/or online service with no compensation other than credit with the writer's name and community. Sister Cities International reserves the right to free reproduction and exhibition of all submissions. Sister Cities International takes no responsibility and will not compensate for any lost or damaged artwork. All fees associated with the showcase become the property of Sister Cities International and will not be returned.

By submitting the entry, we agree to give Sister Cities International, its members and affiliates, permission to publish and display the submitted entry at public exhibits, online, in publications and/or promotional materials, at the discretion of Sister Cities International. We agree to abide by all the rules and terms of the showcase and agree to waive all claims of any kind against the showcase organizers.

WRITER SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Send Entries to:

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Lexington, KY 40507

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