



2016 Richmond Sister Cities Commission

Young Artists and Authors Showcase

Submission Deadline:

February 17, 2016

See reverse for submission guidelines.

What is the Young Artists and Authors Showcase?

The Richmond Young Artists and Authors Showcase invites high-school aged students from Richmond and its sister cities around the world to express themes of global connectedness through original artwork and literature.

You may submit work for one or more of three categories—art, poetry/prose, and photography. After a period of public voting, the winning entry from each category will advance to the international Young Artist and Author Showcase, hosted by Sister Cities International, to compete with creative minds from around the globe.

The 2016 Theme

Peace through People

Sister Cities aim 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 citizen diplomacy and looking ahead to new relationships fostered by sister cities.

We encourage you to let your entry reflect the theme, "Peace Through People." Ask yourself, "How can people-to-people exchanges and citizen diplomacy build peace in my community?"

Awards

After a public vote, top entries will win a cash prize. First place entries for each category will also be entered to compete at the international level.

Once you submit your work, your entry will be displayed for public voting from March 1 until April 15, 2016. Expect your art or writing to make appearances at locations like Carytown, First Fridays, Richmond Main Library, and VCU.

3 winning entries for each category (9 winners total):

- First Place – \$100
- Second Place – \$75
- Third Place – \$25

First place winners for each category will advance to the Sister Cities International showcase to compete for the chance to win up to \$1,000 and have their work displayed in select cities all over the US.



"Connecting Like a Child,"
Benjamin Mowers, Winston-
Salem, NC

Submission Guidelines

Artwork

- Artwork must be submitted with a complete Artist Entry Form.
- Artwork must be two-dimensional (2D) and unframed. Entries must be supported by matting if applicable.
- All media will be accepted except for photography. Photography must be submitted to the Instagram Challenge.
- Dimensions of the art must not exceed 24 in x 36 in.
- All artwork must be original and be inspired by the theme.

Poetry and Prose

- All writing must be submitted with a complete Author Entry Form.
- Essays must not exceed 500 words. Poetry must not exceed 25 lines.
- If written in a language other than English, please provide an accurate translation to English.
- A digital copy of each entry must be submitted to RichmondSisterCities@gmail.com.
- All artwork must be original and be inspired by the theme.

Instagram Photography Challenge

- Photos should be submitted through Instagram and include [@RVASisterCities](https://www.instagram.com/RVASisterCities) and [#RVAYAAS2016](https://www.instagram.com/RVAYAAS2016)
- To also enter the national competition, include [@SisterCitiesInt](https://www.instagram.com/SisterCitiesInt), [#SCIYAAS2016](https://www.instagram.com/SCIYAAS2016), and "Richmond, Virginia"
- If you don't have an Instagram account, email your photos to RichmondSisterCities@gmail.com.
- All photos must be original and be inspired by the theme.

How to Submit

All entries (excluding photography) should be mailed or delivered to:

Miss Catherine E. Nexsen
3211 Floyd Avenue
Richmond, VA 23221

For questions, please call (804) 355-2780 or email RichmondSisterCities@gmail.com.

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