

The 12th Annual Lexington Sister Cities Young Author's Competition



**2020 THEME – “ONE WORLD:
OUT OF MANY, WE ARE ONE”**



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Annual Young Authors Showcase
“One World: Out of Many, We are One.”

Submission Guidelines

DEADLINE: March 20th, 2020

Sister Cities International aims to promote peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation – one individual, one community at a time. This year’s theme, “One World: Out of Many, We are One,” showcases the importance of travel and exchange in achieving peace.

This year’s theme asks students to explore these questions by highlighting citizen diplomacy and the creative ways that we create peace through people-to-people interaction.

- How can internationally engaged future leaders help communities address global challenges of – social unity and peace – in the 21st century?
- How does international experience affect an individual or community’s ability to adapt?
- What are some examples/illustrations of coming together and celebrating our humanity?

Category & Specifications:

Categories: Essay or Poetry

- Essays are not to exceed 500 words, and poetry is not to exceed 25 lines.
- Entries must be in English.
- Judges will evaluate entries based on theme 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 **March 20th, 2020**. Lexington Sister Cities will then submit the works to Sister Cities International in Washington D.C. by April 3rd, 2020, the international deadline.

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 2020 Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.

Young Authors Showcase Entry Form

Deadline: **March 20th, 2020**

Please print clearly and enclose this form with the writing.

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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