The 15th Annual Sister Cities

Young Authors Showcase



2023 Theme:

**“Peace by Piece: Food Security in my Community”**



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Submission Guidelines

**DEADLINE: February 24, 2023**

**Theme**: “Peace by Piece: Food Security in my Community”

Students should explore the following questions:

1. What food resources does your community have to help low income food needs?
2. How does your local agricultural base play a role in your community food system?
3. How can you, as a future leader, contribute to the solution?

**Specifications:**

* Students may select one (1) piece of ORIGINAL writing to submit for this showcase.
* Articles can be creative writing, essays, anecdotes, and other written works excluding poetry. (The Poetry competition has a separate application).
* Article submissions are not to exceed 500 words.
* Submissions must be written in English.
* Judges will evaluate submissions based on theme interpretation, creativity, composition, and grammar.

**Entries:**

Each participating student author must be between 13 and 18 years of age by April 1, 2023. All entries must be the original work of the entrant. Only new pieces inspired by the theme should be submitted.

Articles must be submitted to the Lexington Sister Cities office (via email) by

February 24, 2023

Email: [lexingtonsistercities@gmail.com](mailto:lexingtonsistercities@gmail.com)

**Judging:**

A panel will judge entries on the basis of originality, composition, and theme interpretation. Author’s name and name of school are kept confidential until judging has been completed. The judges’ decision will be final. The top five articles selected will be sent to Sister Cities International for the international competition.

**Awards:**

First, Second and Third place winners will be selected in the international competition in Washington D.C. The Grand Prize Winner (1st place) will receive $1,000; 2nd place will receive $250; and 3rd place will receive $100. The winning articles will be published on the Sister Cities International website.

Young Authors Showcase Entry Form

**Deadline: February 24, 2023**

Please print clearly or type and attach this form with the written submission.

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Artist Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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