The 15th Annual Lexington Sister Cities

Young Authors Showcase (Poetry)



2023 Theme:

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



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Submission Guidelines

**DEADLINE: February 24, 2023**

**Theme:**

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 only enter one (1) poem each into the showcase.
* Poetry submissions are not to exceed 200 words.
* Submissions must be written in English.
* All works must be original.

**Entries:**

Each participating student poet 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.

Poems must be submitted to Lexington Sister Cities (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, grammar, and theme interpretation. Poet’s name and name of school are kept confidential until judging has been completed. The judges’ decision will be final. The top five poems selected will be sent to Sister Cities International for the international competition.

**International Competition:** First, Second and Third place winners will be selected in the international competition. The Grand Prize Winner (first place) will receive $1,000, 2nd Place will receive $250, and 3rd Place will receive $100. The poems will be published on the Sister Cities International website.

Young Authors Showcase Entry Form (Poetry)

**DEADLINE: February 24, 2023**

Please print clearly or type and attach this form with the poem

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English/Writing/Language Arts Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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