

Richmond Sister Cities Commission
Presents

2025 YOUNG ARTISTS AND AUTHORS SHOWCASE

THEME: FRIENDSHIP

THE HEARTBEAT OF GLOBAL PEACE

CATEGORIES

AGES:12-18



CLASSIC ART



DIGITAL ART



ORIGINAL MUSIC



PHOTOGRAPHY



POETRY



ESSAY

**SUBMISSIONS DEADLINES:
MARCH 17, 2025**



<https://tinyurl.com/RSCC2025YAAS>

**If you are unable to access the online form, please
use the application form packet.**

What is YAAS?

The Young Artists and Authors Showcase (YAAS) is an annual contest that encourages youth worldwide to express the mission of Sister Cities International through original artwork, literature, photography, and music.

We encourage our youth to be creative and examine all aspects of this year's theme, including but not limited to :



How can friendship transcend cultural, language, or national barriers to create lasting peace?



What symbols or imagery represent the connection between friendship and global harmony?



In what ways can friendships between individuals or communities inspire positive change in the world?



How do acts of kindness and understanding between friends contribute to a more peaceful global society?



What does the "heartbeat" of global peace look like in your personal experience of friendship across borders?

ELIGIBILITY

- Students must attend schools in Richmond or be international students affiliated with one of the sister cities of the Richmond Sister Cities Commission.
- Students must be between 12 and 18 years of age at the time of the 2025 deadline.
- Student entries must be submitted through the Richmond Sister Cities Commission.
- All entries must be submitted and received with a completed application by the deadline.
- Submit entries by uploading them along with the application above.
- No student may enter submissions into more than one category.

AWARDS

- Local winners in each age group and each art medium will receive a cash prize (1st, 2nd, 3rd places).
- Local winners will be announced at early April and will be invited to the award ceremony.
- The artworks of local winners will be submitted to Sister Cities International for the international competition.
- International winners will be announced at the Sister Cities International Youth Leadership Summit.

For more information about Sister Cities International YAAS 2025: <https://sistercities.org/yaas/2025>

ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST BE MADE IN ENGLISH.

If you have any questions, please contact hello@richmondsistercities.org