



YOUR WORLD ...

2nd Annual Young Author Showcase

Submission Guidelines

DEADLINE: April 30, 2010

Theme

The 2010 theme Your World ... is an opportunity for you to answer the question, "What makes you, you?" International travel and cultural exchanges can impact your life in many different ways. Describe vividly and specifically how cultures and experiences have impacted your ideas and perspectives of the world ... think outside the globe.

Eligibility

- Each participating student author must be between 13 and 18 years of age at the time entries are due April 30, 2010.
- Each participant is allowed to submit only one entry.
- This contest is open to students from all countries. Member communities are allowed to submit entries from multiple participants.
- All work must be original and inspired by the theme. Entries may not be plagiarized, stolen, or copied from any other source and must not defame or invade the rights of any person, living or dead. Entries not adhering to these guidelines will not be considered.
- Each entry must be sent with a completed official entry form and the entry fee.

Submission Categories

- Personal Essay
- Poetry

Entry Requirements

- Entry fee for participants is \$5.
- Entries must be submitted as a hard copy and sent to the Washington DC office.
- Any entries not accompanied by the entry fee will not be judged.

Judging

A panel of judges will evaluate entries on the basis of theme interpretation, composition, scholarship and originality. During the judging, author names are kept confidential.

Writing Criteria & Specifications

- Participants are encouraged to creatively express the theme in an innovative manner.
- Essays are not to exceed 750 words and Poetry is not to exceed 40 lines.
- All entries must be typed in English.
- If you have written an entry in another language, you may submit an English translation.
- On a separate cover sheet for each entry, list the following: contest category (essay or poetry), title of work, contestant's name, home address, home phone number and email address if available.

Awards

1st Place U.S. Personal Essay - \$1,000

1st Place International Personal Essay - \$1,000

1st Place U.S. Poem - \$1,000

1st Place International Poem - \$1,000

- Winners also receive complimentary registration to the Annual Youth Leadership Conference.
- Two submissions from each category will also be selected for honorable mention.
- Winning pieces will be published on the Sister Cities International web site and in the Sister Cities International eNews.

For more information:

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Send Entries to:

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And Send A Copy to:

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Joanne Stebenné
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Pasadena, CA 91107

Young Author Showcase Entry Form 2010

Deadline: April 30, 2010

Please print clearly in English and enclose this form with your writing and entry fee.

Author Information

Author's Name

Birth Date (MM/DD/YY)

Mailing Address (Street number and name)

Mailing Address: (City, State, Postal Code, Country)

Phone

E-mail

School

Title of Piece

Category (Check One)

Essay

Poetry

Author's Waiver

I understand that: All showcase entries become the artistic property of Sister Cities International. Although the artist retains his/her copyright for other uses, Sister Cities International will retain perpetual, non-exclusive rights to use submitted artwork in any future publication, promotional material and/or online service with no compensation other than credit with the artist'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 this 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 in 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.

Date

Signature of Author

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Sister Cities Member Sponsor Information (If applicable)

Pasadena Sister Cities Committee

Joanne Stebenne

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