

# Scottsdale Sister Cities Association

"The Sisterhood of Cities Leads to the Brotherhood of People"

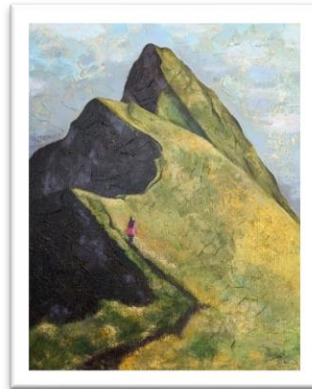
## Scottsdale Young Artist & Author Showcase

**2025 THEME: "FRIENDSHIP: THE HEARTBEAT OF GLOBAL PEACE"**

### *What is YAAS?*

The Young Artists & Authors Showcase (YAAS) is a student art and writing competition. This annual contest encourages local & worldwide youth to express their interpretation of the mission of Sister Cities – reflecting belief in the power of personal connections. Competitions are held by local member cities in the Spring (ours is Scottsdale Sister Cities Association), with winners advancing to the Sister Cities International Competition in April. Cash prizes are awarded at the local and international level.

*1<sup>st</sup> Place Art Winner 2025  
"Journey to Change"  
by Hannah Fitzgerald  
Desert Mountain High School*



*1<sup>st</sup> Place Essay Winner 2025  
"Reshaping Our Future"  
by Chris Jolly  
Coronado High School*

We encourage youth to be creative & examine all aspects of the 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 contribute to a more peaceful global society?
- What does the "heartbeat" of global peace look like in your personal experience of friendship?

Entrants must be aged 12-18 on or before April 1, 2025.

Residents and/or students of Scottsdale and the surrounding area are eligible.

Deadline to enter: March 7, 2025.

For more info: [szally@scottsdaleartschool.org](mailto:szally@scottsdaleartschool.org)





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*Student Art & Writing Competition*

Young artists and authors are invited to express their creativity through the theme “Friendship: The Heartbeat of Global Peace.” This year’s theme highlights the power of friendship to foster understanding, collaboration, and peace across borders. By participating in this inspiring competition, young creators will have the opportunity to share their vision of a peaceful world and contribute to the international dialogue about the importance of building friendships across nations. Winning entries will be featured in Sister Cities International’s global network, inspiring communities and leaders worldwide.

### 2025 SCOTTSDALE YOUNG ARTISTS & AUTHORS SHOWCASE AWARD WINNERS WILL RECEIVE:

Art Competition	Award	Writing Competition	Award	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place *	\$250	1 <sup>st</sup> Place *	\$250	<i>*1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> Place winners advance to Sister Cities International Competition</i>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place *	\$150	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place *	\$150	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$100	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$100	
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$75	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$75	
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$50	5 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$50	
Honorable Mention	\$25	Honorable Mention	\$25	
Accepted for Show	Certificate	Accepted for Show	Certificate	

### SCOTTSDALE YOUNG ARTIST & AUTHOR SHOWCASE GUIDELINES

<b>Entry Deadline</b>	Forms, Written Entries & Artwork must be delivered <b>Feb 26 thru March 7, 2025</b>
<b>Requirements for Visual Art</b>	Dimensions of art not to exceed <b>18" X 24"</b> , <b>2-Dimensional art only</b> (3-D art and art reliefs will not be accepted) Submit unframed, one entry per student. Art must be original in creation and content; no copies of other artists’ work will be accepted. (Please pay particular attention to the SCI plagiarism policies.) Judges will evaluate entries based on theme interpretation, technique, creativity & originality. Accepted entries will be on display at the local showcase. 1 <sup>st</sup> thru 5 <sup>th</sup> Place Winners will advance to international competition electronically. A selection of entries may advance to Kingston, Ontario Teen Art Exchange (electronically - digital image, not original art)
<b>Deliver or Drop-Off Art</b>	Scottsdale Artists’ School, 3720 N. Marshall Way, Scottsdale, AZ 85251, 480-584-6301 Attn: Sandra Zally, SSCA Art & Culture Programs, szally@scottsdaleartschool.org
<b>Requirements for Literature: Essay or Poetry</b>	Writing may be an <b>essay, maximum of 500 words</b> , or <b>poetry, a maximum of 200 words</b> , not exceed 25 lines, must be double-space typed in English, one entry per student. Judges will evaluate entries based on theme interpretation, composition, and grammar. All work must be original and inspired by the theme. Email Entry Form and digital copy of original essay or poetry to: <a href="mailto:info@scottsdalesistercities.com">info@scottsdalesistercities.com</a> Winning entries will be on display at the local showcase.
<b>Eligibility</b>	Entrants must be ages 12-18 on or before April 1, 2025. Residents and/or students of Scottsdale and the surrounding area are eligible.
<b>Professional Jury</b>	Place Awards and Exhibition pieces will be selected by professional jury. Results will be announced by email to participating art/writing teachers by March 25, 2025.
<b>Award Ceremony</b>	<b>Award Ceremony – TBA</b>
<b>Exhibition</b>	<b>Exhibition April 2-29, 2025</b> , Scottsdale Public Library: Civic Center Branch, 3839 N. Drinkwater Blvd. Scottsdale, AZ 85251



# Scottsdale Sister Cities Annual Young Artists & Authors - Local Showcase Entry Form

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*\*Please TYPE or PRINT CLEARLY in BLACK INK in English. Submit this form with your Entry.*

Student - Artist/Author Information		SISTER CITIES MEMBER SPONSOR INFORMATION	
Teacher Name		Sponsor of Entry	Scottsdale Sister City Association
School		Sister City	Scottsdale AZ 85251
Teacher Email		SSCA Contact	Sandra Zally, Arts & Culture Chair
Student Name		Contact Phone	602-565-8035 cell
Age/Birth Date		Contact Email	szally@scottsdaleartschool.org
Address		Art Entry Drop-off	Scottsdale Artists' School, Front Desk
City, State, Zip		SAS Address	3720 North Marshall Way
Email/Phone		Entry Deadline	March 7, 2025
Entry Title			
Medium		Size (for art)	
<p><i>Please tell us what inspired you to create this work. (If needed, type on back or on another sheet of paper.)</i></p>			
<p><b>Artist/Author Waiver:</b> I understand that all showcase entries become the artistic property of Scottsdale Sister Cities. Although the artist retains his/her copyright for other uses, Scottsdale Sister Cities 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. Scottsdale Sister Cities takes no responsibility and will not compensate for any lost or damaged artwork. By submitting this entry, I agree to give Scottsdale Sister Cities, 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 Scottsdale Sister Cities. I 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.</p>			
Parent Name		Parent Phone	
Parent Email			
Date		Student Signature	
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<p><b>ART ENTRIES</b> must be delivered <b>Feb 26 – Mar 7, 2025</b>  to: Sandra Zally, Scottsdale Artists' School  3720 N. Marshall Way, Scottsdale, AZ 85251  D. 480-584-6301 / C. 602-565-8035</p>		<p><b>WRITING ENTRIES</b> must be sent electronically  <b>Feb 26 – Mar 7, 2025</b>  to: info@scottsdalesistercities.com  Please label as "YAAS ENTRY" in email subject line.</p>	
<p>More information: <a href="http://www.scottsdalesistercities.info">www.scottsdalesistercities.info</a>  Questions: email Sandra Zally at <a href="mailto:szally@scottsdaleartschool.org">szally@scottsdaleartschool.org</a></p>			