



SISTER CITIES
LONG BEACH
CALIFORNIA

Young Artists and Authors Showcase

2021 THEME - UNITED IN HOPE



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated*

Theta Alpha Omega
Long Beach, CA

The deadline to submit entries is April 26, 2021

- Apply and see guidelines directly on our website at www.sistercitiesoflongbeach.org/YAAS
- The Young Artists and Authors Showcase (YAAS) is an annual contest that **encourages youth worldwide to express the mission of Sister Cities of Long Beach** through original artwork, literature, photography, and music for both original and reinterpreted pieces.
- Submissions are centered around an annual theme and judged based on **originality, composition, and theme interpretation.**
- For each category (art, articles, poetry, photography, original music, and reinterpreted music), one local winner will be selected to receive \$150 and be submitted to the International Competition.

How to Enter

Students should [visit our website](#) to complete the entry form and submit their art, literature, photography, and music to Sister Cities of Long Beach by uploading it along with the entry form.

Guidelines

Fees

- There is **NO fee** to submit an entry to YAAS.

Eligibility

All students must be between 13 and 18 years of age.

Art

- Media accepted in this category include oil, acrylic, watercolor, charcoal, colored pencil, crayon, ink, marker, etching, collage, etcetera
- Judges will evaluate submissions based on theme interpretation, originality, and creativity.
- Students must submit a photograph of their artwork using the submission form on the Sister Cities of Long Beach website.
- One form of media accepted per submission. Multiple submissions are allowed.
- All work must be original.

Literature

- Articles can be creative writing, essays, anecdotes, and other written works following the content guidelines.
- Article submissions are not to exceed 500 words
- Poetry submissions are not to exceed 200 words.
- Submissions must be written in English
- Judges will evaluate submissions based on theme interpretation, originality, composition, and grammar.
- Students must submit an article or a poem using the submission form on the Sister Cities of Long Beach website.
- One article entry OR one poem per submission in PDF format. Multiple submissions are allowed.
- All work must be original.

Photography

- Judges will evaluate submissions based on theme interpretation, originality, and creativity.
- Students must submit a photograph of their artwork using the submission form on the Sister Cities of Long Beach website.
- One photograph accepted per submission. Multiple submissions are allowed.
- All work must be original.

Music

- Only solo musicians may compete in this category. (i.e. no collaborations, bands, or groups)
- Only audio submissions will be accepted; no videos.
- Reinterpretations of existing pieces must have credit given to the original artist.
- Judges will evaluate submissions based on theme interpretation, originality, and creativity.
- One music piece per submission in MP3 or WAV format. Multiple submissions are allowed.
- All work must be original.

More Info

Email: yaas@sistercitiesoflongbeach.org
Website: sistercitiesoflongbeach.org/YAAS