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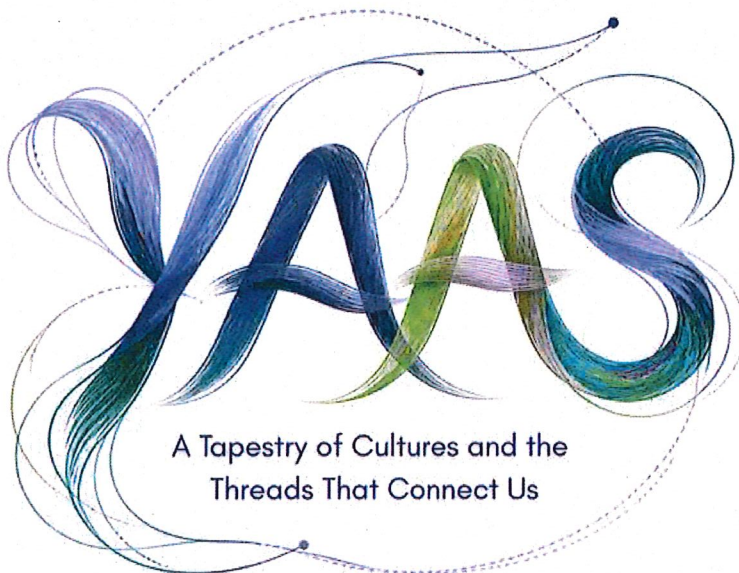
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Hello Sister Cities Network,

We're excited to announce that applications for the 2027 Young Artists and Authors Showcase (YAAS) are officially open!

Under this year's theme, "A Tapestry of Cultures and the Threads That Connect Us," young creators ages 12–18 are invited to share their voices, perspectives, and creativity through Classic Art, Digital Art, Photography, Poetry, Essay, and Original Music.

Applications are open September 1, 2026 through April 1, 2027.

Have a young artist or author in your community? Encourage them to participate!

 [Click here to learn more about YAAS!](#)

 [Applications open today! Click here to apply!](#)

There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each age division and category, with winners receiving special recognition from Sister Cities International, physical awards, and opportunities to have their work featured through YAAS.



NEW! YAAS Creator Kits

This year, we're expanding winner recognition through our **YAAS Creator Kits**, made possible with support from our generous sponsors and partners. First-place winners will receive curated creative resources designed to help them continue developing their craft beyond the competition.

We are incredibly grateful to the organizations helping us make the YAAS Creator Kits possible. Their generosity is giving our young winners access to high-quality creative resources they can continue using long after the competition ends—tools that can help them experiment, grow, and take their creativity to the next level.

NEW! Our Supporters

BLICK art materials

A leader in the world of art supplies, BLICK Art Materials is supporting our **Classic Art winners with \$100 gift cards**, giving young artists the opportunity to select quality materials that best suit their creative practice, from traditional drawing and painting materials to new creative tools they can explore and enjoy.



Think Tank Photo is donating **one camera bag to each of the two first-place Photography winners**: a PhotoCross Sling 11L and a TurnStyle 5L. These bags will support the young photographers as they continue developing their craft and exploring visual storytelling.



MediBang Paint

Helping empower the next generation of digital creators, MediBang is providing **1-year MediBang Premium subscriptions to our Digital Art winners**, giving them access to professional-quality digital art tools and resources to continue developing their skills and bringing new ideas to life.



Rhodia is a renowned French stationery brand known for its high-quality notebooks, journals, and writing products, beloved by artists and writers worldwide. Rhodia is donating **softcover Goalbooks** to YAAS Essay and Poetry winners. Each colorful Goalbook features 240 pages of smooth French-made paper, along with

an expanding inner pocket, two bookmarks, and an elastic closure, giving YAAS winners a versatile tool to continue developing their creative work long after the showcase.

We are proud to partner with organizations like **Think Thank Photo, BLICK Art Materials, MediBang, and Rhodia** that believe in investing in young creators and giving them the resources to keep creating. We will continue to highlight our newest YAAS supporters on our website and in our monthly promotional updates, sharing their contributions and the impact they are making on this year's Creator Kits.

NEW MEMBER BENEFIT! YAAS 2027 Promotional Kit

All YAAS 2027 promotional materials are **now available** on the Sister Cities International **member portal**! The kit includes the YAAS information packet, sample ads, flyers, logos, and ready-to-share promotional materials to help your community spread the word and encourage young artists and authors to participate.

Help us reach the next generation of creators! Download the materials and share them with local schools, students, educators, libraries, youth organizations, and community partners.

Please share YAAS with students, teachers, parents, schools, youth organizations, and creative communities in your network.

We can't wait to see what the next generation of creators has to say!

Best,

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