



Laguna Beach Sister Cities Association - Young Artists & Authors 2023 Local Showcase
"PEACE BY PIECE: FOOD SECURITY IN MY COMMUNITY" Student Poet, Musician, and Artist Competition

As a leading nonprofit, citizen diplomacy organization, Sister Cities International has been promoting peace through mutual understanding since its origins in 1956. Climate change has become an undeniably harsh reality in our lives. Consistent with the United Nations' 2030 Agenda, Sister Cities International will continue to embrace climate change as the overarching theme for its 2023 Young Artists and Authors Showcase (**YAAS**). This year's theme is **Peace By Piece: Food Security In My Community**. Food has been one of the core pillars of sister cities' cultural understanding, as food is a universal language that unites us. SCI is proud to invite youth from member communities to submit innovative, thoughtful, and impactful creations that emphasize various aspects of food security, including the impact of climate change on food production and food consumption, in their own communities. As food unites us, the unrelenting struggle of food security, or a lack thereof, is an issue that all communities face. Laguna Food Pantry serves, on average, 200 families per day in 2.5 hours.

Laguna Beach Sister Cities Association, in collaboration with **Laguna Food Pantry** and **Laguna Beach County Water District** are making it possible for local youth to raise awareness about the challenge of access to good nutrition around the globe. Local winners may be showcased at our Laguna Beach Fête de la Musique (time permitting and based on number of entries).

2023 LOCAL YOUNG ARTISTS & AUTHORS SHOWCASE AWARD WINNERS WILL RECEIVE:

Poetry Competition	Poetry Award	Music Competition	Music Award	Art (Classic) Competition	Art Award
1st Place	\$500 CASH	1 st Place	\$500 CASH	1 st Place	\$500 CASH
2 nd Place	\$250 CASH	2 nd Place	\$250 CASH	2 nd Place	\$250 CASH
3 rd Place	\$100 CASH	3 rd Place	\$100 CASH	3 rd Place	\$100 CASH

1st through 5th place winners will receive certificates, advance to the Sister Cities International Competition, and have an opportunity to win more cash awards.

LAGUNA BEACH YOUNG ARTISTS & AUTHORS SHOWCASE GUIDELINES

Entry Deadline	Forms, Written Entries in PDF format and Music in MP3 format to be emailed to LBSCAssociation@gmail.com by April 23, 2023 (by 11:59 pm local time). You will receive confirmation after we receive this application, submission, and essay.
Requirements for Poetry	Students may select one (1) poetry piece, which must be typed in English, with a maximum of 200 words, double-spaced. Judges will evaluate works based on theme interpretation, composition, and grammar. All work must be original.
Requirement for Music	Students may select one (1) piece of music and submit it in MP3 format (no videos). Submissions must be only of original solo (not group) audio performances and may not exceed 4 minutes. Judges will evaluate submissions based on theme interpretation, and creativity.
Requirement for Art	Students may select one (1) piece of artwork submitted either in oil, acrylic, watercolor, charcoal, colored pencil, crayon, ink, marker, etching, or collage, etcetera. Please mention medium type. Digital medium artwork will not be taken this year, and may be considered in future years. Important note: we will be accepting only photographs of the artwork, and not the physical artwork. To ensure our judges have the best quality view of your work, please confirm that photographs are no less than 1350x1080 pixels. We will accept only two-dimensional (2D), unframed artwork.

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DUE BY 11:59 PM on SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023

Eligibility	Entrants must be between ages 13 and 18 before May 1, 2023. To be eligible student must either reside in Laguna Beach or attend middle or high school in Laguna Beach. If student is selected as a top five contestant to move on to the Sister Cities International competition, student will become an honorary student member for one year, by May 1, 2023.
Local Selection	Local jury picks local winners and selects five entries in each category to advance virtually to the Sister Cities International competition in Washington, D.C. where contestants will have the opportunity to win more cash awards up to \$1,000.
Sister Cities International Winners	Winners in each category will be announced at the Sister Cities International Youth Leadership Summit. Date will be posted as soon as available. Please view the website for the update. *Trip cost not included.
Public Presentation	Winners may be invited to present at the Fête de La Musique in Laguna Beach on Saturday, June 17, 2023, depending on number of entries and time permitting.

You may download this application form from LagunaBeachSisterCities.com. **ENTRIES** must be completed in **black ink** and sent electronically to: LBSCAssociation@gmail.com by 11:59 PM local time on **April 23rd, 2023**, and label **YAAS Entry in email subject line**. (PLEASE DO NOT SEND to Sister Cities International unless you are a winner and have been cleared).

CATEGORY (Pick One Only)	<input type="checkbox"/> POETRY	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ART Medium _____ (not digital art)
ARTIST/AUTHOR INFORMATION		PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION	
Full Name		Full Name	
Birth Date		Email	
Gender		Phone Number	
Email		Address	
Phone Number		City, State, Zip	
Address		LBSCA USE ONLY	
City, State, Zip			
Grade/ School			

(Please provide an email address that you check regularly. Email is our primary contact method).

ENTRY TITLE	(Required)
On a separate sheet of paper, student should address in no more than 700 words: 1.) What inspired the creation of the work? 2.) How has climate change affected food security in your community? 3.) What does food security mean to you? 4.) Share (give project examples) about any collaborative efforts between communities 5.) How can you, as a future leader, contribute to the solution? Required. Scan and email along with your submission and this entry form.	

Artist/Author Waiver: Although the artist retains his/her copyright for other uses, Laguna Beach Sister Cities Association 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. Laguna Beach Sister Cities Association takes no responsibility and will not compensate for any lost or damaged artwork. By submitting this entry, I agree to give Laguna Beach Sister Cities Association, 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 Laguna Beach Sister Cities Association. 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.

All submissions must conform to Sister Cities International's policy on plagiarism described on the website:

<https://sistercities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Plagiarism-Policy.pdf>

Date		Signature of Artist/Author	
Date		Signature of Parent/Guardian	