

The 4th Annual Franklin Sister Cities
Young Authors Showcase



CLIMATESCAPE “Resilient Cities for Tomorrow's Climate”

Submission Guidelines
DEADLINE: April 1, 2024

Students should explore the following questions: We invite young artists and authors to delve into the pressing challenges of climate change and its profound impact on cities. The theme encourages students to unleash their creativity and showcases the transformative power of resilient cities that can adapt and flourish in a changing climate.

Through breathtaking artworks and captivating narratives, we aim to vividly depict urban landscapes that embrace eco-consciousness, inclusivity, and forward-thinking solutions. From rooftop gardens and green infrastructures to diverse communities united in sustainability, “ClimateScape” celebrates the resilience of our cities while fostering a brighter, more sustainable tomorrow.

Join us on this artistic expedition as we emphasize not only the significance of Sustainable Development Goal 11: Making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable but also the crucial role of cooperation among sister cities. Let your imagination soar as you shape the vision of a climate-resilient future strengthened through collaboration and solidarity among urban communities worldwide!

For more information, contact Franklin Sister Cities:
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Specifications:

- Students may select one (1) piece of ORIGINAL writing to submit for this showcase.
- Articles can be creative writing, essays, anecdotes, and other written works, excluding poetry. (The Poetry competition has a separate application).
- Article submissions are not to exceed 500 words.
- Submissions must be written in English.
- Judges will evaluate submissions based on theme interpretation, creativity, composition, and grammar.

Entries:

Each participating student author must be between 13 and 18 by April 1, 2024. All entries must be the original work of the entrant. Only new pieces inspired by the theme should be submitted.

Articles must be submitted to Franklin Sister Cities (via email) by April 1, 2024

Email: sistercitiesfranklintn@gmail.com

Judging:

A panel will judge entries based on originality, composition, and theme interpretation. The authors' and schools' names are kept confidential until judging has been completed. The judges' decision will be final. The top five articles selected will be sent to Sister Cities International for the international competition.

Awards:

First, Second, and Third place winners will be selected in the international competition in Washington, D.C. The Grand Prize Winner (1st place) will receive \$1,000; 2nd place will receive \$250; and 3rd place will receive \$100. The winning articles will be published on the Sister Cities International website.

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Young Authors Showcase Entry Form
Deadline: April 1, 2024

Please print clearly or type and attach this form with the written submission.

Name: _____

Birth Date: _____ Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

School: _____

Parent Names: _____ Parent Email: _____

English/Writing/Language Arts Teacher: _____

Title of Work: _____

What inspired you to create this work?

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By submitting the entry, we agree to give Franklin Sister Cities and Sister Cities International, its members and affiliates, permission to publish and display the submitted entry at public exhibits, online, in publications and/or promotional materials, at the discretion of Franklin Sister Cities and Sister Cities International. We agree to abide by all the rules and terms of the showcase and waive all claims against the showcase organizers.

Artist Signature _____ DATE _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ DATE _____

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