

The 4th Annual 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!

Specifications:

- Students may only enter one (1) poem each into the showcase.
- Poetry submissions are not to exceed 200 words.
- Submissions must be written in English.
- All works must be original.

Entries:

Each participating student poet 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.

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

Email: [sistercitiesfranklintn@gmail.com](mailto:sistercitiesfranklintn@gmail.com)

Judging:

For more information, contact Franklin Sister Cities:  
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A panel will judge entries based on originality, composition, and theme interpretation. The Poet's name, title, description of work, and school name are kept confidential until judging has been completed. The judges' decision will be final. The top five poems selected will be sent to Sister Cities International for the international competition.

**Local Competition:** First, Second, and Third place winners will be selected and awarded prizes by Franklin Sister Cities. First place will receive \$100, 2nd Place will receive \$75, and 3rd Place will receive \$50.

**International Competition:** First, Second, and Third place winners will be selected in the international competition. The Grand Prize Winner (first place) will receive \$1,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place will receive \$250, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place will receive \$100. The poems will be published on the Sister Cities International website.

Young Authors Showcase Entry Form (Poetry)

**Deadline: Monday, April 1, 2024**

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

Name:  
Birthdate:  
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?

All showcase entries become the artistic property of Franklin Sister Cities and Sister Cities International. Although the poet retains his/her copyright for other uses, Franklin Sister Cities and Sister Cities International will retain perpetual, nonexclusive rights to use submitted work in any future publication, promotional material, and/or online service with no compensation other than credit with the poet's name and community. Franklin Sister Cities and Sister Cities International reserves the right to free reproduction and exhibition of all submissions. Franklin Sister Cities and Sister Cities International take no responsibility and will not compensate for lost or damaged works.

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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