

Annual Sister Cities  
Young Authors Showcase

2022 Theme:  
**“Generation Rescue:  
Sustainable Water for All”**

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Submission Guidelines  
**DEADLINE: March 1, 2022**

**Theme:** “Generation Rescue: Sustainable Water for All”

Students should explore the following questions:

1. What does water sustainability mean to you?
2. Has your community been affected by climate change and water disruption?
3. How can you, as a future leader, contribute to the solution?

**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 years of age by April 1, 2022. 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**  
**Boulder Dushanbe Sister Cities (via email) by**  
**March 1, 2022**

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

**Judging:**

A panel will judge entries on the basis of originality, composition, and theme interpretation. Author's name and name of school 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. In each category, a Grand Prize Winner (1<sup>st</sup> place) will receive \$1,000; 2<sup>nd</sup> place will receive \$250; and 3<sup>rd</sup> place will receive \$100. The winning articles will be published on the Sister Cities International website.

Young Authors Showcase Entry Form

**Deadline: March 1, 2022**

Please submit this form with the written submission to: [boulderdushanbesistercities@gmail.com](mailto:boulderdushanbesistercities@gmail.com)

Name:

Birth Date:  Phone:

Home Address:

City:  Postcode:

Email:

School or organization:

Parent Names:

Parent Email:

Teacher or Supervisor:

Title of Work:

Inspiration: In no more than 700 characters, please tell us what inspired you to create this work. You are encouraged to discuss how your local communities are approaching this year's theme. You can talk about collaborative efforts between communities, give project examples, or explore areas of potential cooperation within the water sustainability field. Please note that this section should be written by the student.

**Legal Consent \***

I understand that all showcase entries become the artistic property of Boulder Dushanbe Sister Cities and Sister Cities International. Although the artist retains his/her/their copyright to the submitted artwork, by submitting this entry, I hereby grant to Sister Cities International a perpetual, non-exclusive, fully transferable and sublicensable right and license to use, reproduce, publicly perform, display, and distribute the submitted work through all media now known or hereafter developed, including without limitation any future publication use in promotional material and/or online service with no compensation other than credit with the author's name and community. The license rights granted to Sister Cities International shall include the right to translate, alter, modify, and make derivative works of the artwork without limitation. By submitting a copy of the author's work, I represent and warrant that I have the right to grant to SCI the unrestricted use of the work. I have secured all licenses necessary for creating audio recordings. Sister Cities International takes no responsibility and will not compensate for any lost or damaged work. 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.

Artist Signature:

Date:

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date: