

# Middle School and High School Art Exhibit and Cash Prizes through Sister Cities

The Muscatine Art Center, Stanley Center for Peace and Security, and Muscatine Sister Cities are working together to provide students an opportunity to compete in an international contest sponsored through Sister Cities International. The contest is being combined with the March - May 2022 exhibition of work by middle school and high school students presented at the Muscatine Art Center.

Students will have the ability to opt in to the competition following this year's theme selected by Sister Cities International for its Young Artists and Authors Showcase. The details for participating in the contest are attached. Also provided is the form for entering the exhibition - it is not required that students participate in the contest or submit work connected to the theme - to be exhibited in spring 2022. We are providing the information now so that students enrolled in art classes this fall have the option to participate even if they do not take an art class in the spring.

This is a first for the Muscatine community, and we are thrilled that Muscatine Sister Cities will award 5 cash prizes of \$100 each. We also plan to display student artwork on banners on second street. We hope students agree that this is a fun opportunity to showcase their talent. And, who knows? Perhaps a local student will be a strong contender for the grand prize award of \$1,000 through Sister Cities International.

Resources that might be helpful for students who are interested in entering. **The best resource is the [Sister Cities International YAAS page](#), which not only includes the complete rules, but also resources on the topic of Sustainable Water for All.** Other resources that might be helpful for students:

- United Nations Sustainable Development Goals website: [Home | Sustainable Development \(un.org\)](#)
- A nice intro to the UN Sustainable Development Goals video: The World's Largest Lesson | Global Goals: <https://youtu.be/cBxN9E5f7pc> and another, *World's Largest Lesson - Emma Watson Introduction | Global Goals*: [https://youtu.be/Qx0AVjtdg\\_Q](https://youtu.be/Qx0AVjtdg_Q)
- A video geared more to the 2022 YAAS theme, High Level Panel on Water Video: Water's Promise: Making Every Drop Count: <https://youtu.be/jTkv-IYOLK0> and [A CALL TO CLIMATE LEARNING](#)

A side competition that students could also enter:

- **STUDENT CONTEST: The Environment Is in You, A Student Photography and Original Illustration Contest (8-12 grade).** In this contest, students will take a photograph or create an original illustration that documents the fragility, hope, and future of our planet's ecosystem due to climate change. <https://www.globalonenessproject.org/stories/environment-you-student-photography-and-original-illustration-contest>
- **SUBMISSION DEADLINE APRIL 1, 2022**  
**Applicants must be 13-18 years old as of April 1, 2022.**