

# 1st Annual Sister Cities International Photography Challenge 2016



**Theme:**  
“Peace through People.”  
**DEADLINE: May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016**

## Submission Guidelines

### **Theme:**

Sister Cities International aims to promote peace through mutual respect, understanding and cooperation – one individual, one community at a time. This year’s theme, “Peace through People” will commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sister Cities International by celebrating 60 years of global citizen action and impact while looking ahead toward a better future for the world, so that people can come together and find common ground, prosperity, and peace.

When President Eisenhower founded Sister Cities International in 1956, he stated that, “If we are going to take advantage of the assumption that all people want peace, then the problem is for people to get together and to leap governments – if necessary to evade governments – to work out not one method but thousands of methods by which people can gradually learn a little bit more of each other.”

What is your interpretation of President Eisenhower’s words about Sister Cities International? What is your vision of how people to people exchanges and citizen diplomacy build peace in their communities?

### **Specifications:**

- + Photographers are encouraged to be creative!
- + All entries must be submitted through Instagram and must include:
  - o @SisterCitiesInt
  - o @LexingtonSisterCities
  - o #SCIYAAS2016
  - o #LSCYoungArtist2016
- + Entries must not be plagiarized, stolen, or copied from any other source. Entries must not defame or invade the rights of any person, living or dead.

### **Entries:**

Each participating photographer must be between 13 and 22 years of age by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. All entries must be the original content of the entrant. Only new pieces inspired by the theme should be submitted. **Entries are due by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.**

### **Awards:**

Judging will take place in late May and winners and finalists will be announced in early June. All photography entries will be published to Sister Cities International Tumblr page. One photographer will be selected as the Grand Prize Winner and nine finalists will be selected. The Grand Prize Winner and Finalists photographs will be displayed at the 2016 Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. After the conference, the photographs will go on a tour to select cities across the U.S. Prizes will be disclosed at a later date.