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**March 18, 2025** **Ald. Russell W. Stamper, II**

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**Apply for SCI 2025 Young Artists and Authors Showcase**

**Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II**, chair of the City of Milwaukee Sister Cities Committee, is encouraging the youth community to apply for the Sister Cities International (SCI) Young Artists and Authors Showcase. This initiative invites youth from around the world to express their creativity through the theme **“Friendship: The Heartbeat of Global Peace.”** This year’s theme highlights the power of friendship to foster understanding, collaboration, and peace across borders. **The deadline to apply is Tuesday, April 1st.**

By participating in this inspiring competition, young creators will have the opportunity to share their vision of a peaceful world and contribute to the international dialogue about the importance of building friendships across nations. Winning entries will be featured in Sister Cities International’s global network, seeking to inspire communities and leaders worldwide.

There will be two competitions, one for those ages 12-14 and another for those ages 15-18, with first, second and third place prizes in each category. The prizes range from $250 to $1,000

“Friendship has the power to unite us all, transcending borders and cultures. I encourage every young artist and author to embrace this opportunity to share your unique vision of a peaceful world,” Alderman Stamper said. “By participating in the 2025 Young Artists and Authors Showcase, you will not only express your creativity but also contribute to a global conversation about the importance of building bridges through friendship. Your work could inspire change, spark dialogue, and help shape a more peaceful future.”

 [To apply please visit here](https://sistercitiesinternationalsci.submittable.com/submit/305287/young-artists-and-authors-showcase-2025?mc_cid=22cbc0ef7c&mc_eid=e60c6aeab2).

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