



## 2025 Sister Cities International Annual Awards

Deadline to Apply: May 1, 2025

### About the Annual Awards Program

The Annual Awards Program showcases the achievements of sister city programs, offering international recognition for their contributions to the citizen diplomacy movement. Established in 1962, Sister Cities International created the program to honor outstanding sister city initiatives. Current dues-paying members with at least one officially recognized sister city partnership are eligible to apply. The awards celebrate accomplishments from the previous year (2024).

The SCI Annual Awards feature multiple categories, including Best Overall, Innovation in Arts & Culture, Innovation in Business, Trade, and Professional Exchange, Innovation in Humanitarian Assistance, and Innovation in Youth and Education. Awards are presented based on population size, with winners recognized in the following brackets: under 25,000; 25,001–100,000; 100,001–300,000; and over 300,001. Additionally, awards are given for the “Tim Quigley” Volunteer of the Year and the Youth Leadership Award.

### Recognition and Ceremony

Recipients of the 2024 Sister Cities International Annual Awards will be honored at the SCI Annual Awards Ceremony and Dinner, held during the SCI Summer Leadership Meetings in Fort Worth, TX, in July 2025.

Winning programs and individuals will also be recognized through:

- Sister Cities International’s website
- Social media platforms
- National and regional media outreach



## Award Categories

### Best Overall

Recognizes sister city programs demonstrating outstanding achievement across all areas of citizen diplomacy. Programs exemplify excellence in fostering international relationships, cultural exchange, economic development, and community engagement.

### Innovation in Arts & Culture

Honors significant contributions to cultural exchange through visual and performing arts, literature, music, and other cultural expressions. Programs demonstrate originality, inclusivity, and lasting community impact.

### Innovation in Business, Trade, and Professional Exchange

Recognizes programs fostering economic development, business partnerships, trade opportunities, and professional collaboration. Initiatives display creativity, sustainability, and measurable economic and professional growth.

### Innovation in Humanitarian Assistance

Celebrates programs addressing humanitarian needs, including disaster relief, healthcare, and social services. Winning initiatives demonstrate compassion, innovation, and measurable global impact.

### Innovation in Youth and Education

Acknowledges programs that promote cross-cultural learning, leadership development, and youth engagement. Winning initiatives foster global understanding and prepare youth to lead in international affairs.

### “Tim Quigley” Volunteer of the Year Award

Honors exceptional dedication, leadership, and service to sister city programs. Named after Tim Quigley, the award celebrates individuals strengthening international relationships, cultural understanding, and community engagement.

### Youth Leadership Award

Recognizes outstanding leadership and initiative by a young individual within their sister city program. This award celebrates youth who foster global connections and inspire their peers to engage in international cooperation.

## Eligibility Criteria

- Current dues-paying members of Sister Cities International with at least one formally recognized sister city partnership are eligible to apply.
- The awards will honor the accomplishments of sister city programs achieved in 2024. Applications and supporting documents should focus on activities organized **only** in 2024.
- If you plan to apply for multiple awards, please be aware that a separate application must be submitted for each award category.
- Sister city programs that received an award for 2024 are **not** eligible to win the same award for 2025.

## 2025 SCI 國際姊妹市協會年度獎項概要

### 關於年度獎項計畫

本會於 1962 年設立本計畫，旨在表彰傑出的姊妹市倡議及展示其前一年(2024)之成就，為其對公民外交運動之貢獻提供國際認可。現行姊妹市會員均有資格申請。

### 授證及典禮儀式

獲獎者將於 2025 年 7 月於德州沃斯堡舉行之 SCI 夏季領導會議期間，於年度頒獎典禮及晚宴上接受表彰。獲獎項目及獲獎者亦透過本會網站、社群平台及全國和地方媒體宣傳。

### 年度獎項種類

申請獎項類別：

- 總體特優獎(Best Overall)
- 藝術與文化創新獎(Innovation in Arts & Culture)
- 商務貿易及專業人士交流創新獎(Innovation in Business, Trade, and Professional Exchange)
- 人道救援創新獎(Innovation in Humanitarian Assistance)
- 青年及教育創新獎(Innovation in Youth and Education)
- 年度志工獎(“Tim Quigley” Volunteer of the Year Award)
- 青年領袖獎>Youth Leadership Award)

### 年度獎項申請資格

- 現行國際姊妹市協會會員資格即可申請。
- 本獎項將表彰姊妹城市於 2024 年取得之成就，其申請及相關文件應僅重點介紹 2024 年提交組織之活動。
- 若您計畫申請多項獎項，請注意每項類別都必須單獨提交申請。
- 請注意，2024 年已獲獎獎項的會員，不得於 2024 年再次獲得相同獎項。

## 2025 年度獎項報名申請表

<https://reurl.cc/M6pdgm>

- 如果您想要申請多個獎項，請注意您必須為每項欲申請的類別填寫單獨申請表。
- 目前繳納會費的國際姐妹市協會會員，且至少擁有 1 個正式承認的姐妹市夥伴關係者，才有資格申請獎項。
- 該獎項將表彰會員城市計畫在 2024 年的成就。
- 請注意，2024 年已獲獎獎項的會員，不得於 2025 年再次獲得相同獎項。

聯絡資訊 Email 電話號碼
請問您預計申請哪一類獎項? 獎項種類 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 總體特優獎(Best Overall)</li><li>● 藝術與文化創新獎(Innovation in Arts &amp; Culture)</li><li>● 商務貿易及專業人士交流創新獎(Innovation in Business, Trade, and Professional Exchange)</li><li>● 人道救援創新獎(Innovation in Humanitarian Assistance)</li><li>● 青年及教育創新獎(Innovation in Youth and Education)</li><li>● Tim Quigley 年度志工獎(“Tim Quigley” Volunteer of the Year Award)</li><li>● 青年領袖獎(Youth Leadership Award)</li></ul>
請錄製 1 分鐘的影片介紹您的計畫與倡議活動。您也可以說明申請年度獎項的動機。
其他：若有其他補充文件，請上傳分享資料夾。請注意開放編輯權限。
若您有其他照片、影片檔案請集中上傳於該處。