

Theme:
**Connecting
Communities for Peace
and Prosperity**

2015
A Celebration
of Unity

Creative Expression Competition

The competition is open to any student living or attending school in Chandler.
One entry per student will be accepted in the following categories: Performance, Writing and Visual Art

WINNERS WILL BE POSTED AT THE JANUARY 17, 2015 MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL – 20th ANNIVERSARY

First, second and third place winners will be awarded in each category for each grade level. Additional prizes may be awarded. We reserve the right to combine grade levels based on number of entries received.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES:

November 14, 2014

City of Chandler - Neighborhood Resources
235 S. Arizona Ave. - Chandler, AZ 85225
(Entries can be mailed or dropped off)

Categories

PERFORMANCE

Music, Singing & Dance
Entries no longer than 3 minutes
MUST be submitted by tape or DVD
Eligible grade levels: K-4, 5-8, 9-12

****WRITING**

Essay and Poetry
Entries limited to one page
Eligible grade levels: K-4, 5-8, 9-12

****VISUAL ART**

Posters, Photography & Paintings
Medium no larger than 14x22 inches
Eligible grade levels: K-4, 5-8, 9-12

For more details visit,
www.chandleraz.gov/unity
or call 480-782-2214

Quick Check List:

- ✓ Name, school, grade and other important information must be completely filled out on the **back** of your entry. **NO NAMES ON FRONT.**
- ✓ Does your entry reflect the theme? Either cultural, community, school or neighborhood, etc.
- ✓ Make sure your entry fits all the guidelines noted below each category --including size restrictions for visual art category.
- ✓ When submitting a performance entry, make sure entry is finalized for playback on all DVD players.



Please sign below indicating you have read the rules and regulations for the 2015 Chandler Creative Expression Competition, agree to the terms stated, and understand that the City of Chandler and associates do not carry accident insurance for these programs, and you will not hold same responsible for accidents or injuries sustained. You will also be giving your permission for any photos/videos to be used by the City of Chandler. Participants under the age of 18 must also have a parent/guardian signature.

If possible, all students will receive a prize for participating. Prizes and winner information will be distributed through teachers. If home-schooled or entering independently, Please enter email address or phone number to be contacted.

Competition Category _____ Title of Piece or Song _____ # of Performers _____

Participant Name _____ Teacher _____

Phone _____ Email _____

School/Organization _____ Grade _____ Age _____

Participant Signature _____ Parent/Guardian/Teacher Signature _____

Please fill out and attach additional sheets for each additional participant (if necessary).

Participants may enter the Performance and Video Art Competitions in groups.
Only one prize will be awarded per group.

Groups with members spanning more than one grade category should call 480-782-2214
for determination of appropriate category for entry.

COMPETITION INFORMATION

- All winners and winning entries will be displayed at the Multicultural Festival on Saturday, January 17, 2015 and online at www.chandleraz.gov/unity after the Multicultural Festival.
- First place winners and schools will be recognized at a February 2015 City Council Meeting. All other winners will get their awards sent directly to their schools.
- First place performance category winners **MAY** be invited to perform at the Multicultural Festival. (Students will be notified of their performance time.)
 - The following equipment will be provided on January 17 for all performers: Sound System, Vocal microphones and a CD/cassette player.
 - Bands must provide their own specialty equipment and back line (drums).

JUDGING CRITERIA

Remember this year's theme: **Connecting Communities for Peace and Prosperity**

Writing - Readability, Reflection of Theme, Use of Writer's Understanding of Cultural Experiences

Performing Arts - Originality, Arrangements/Sounds/Continuity, Image, Stage Presence/Interaction with Audience

Visual Arts - Composition, Presentation, Technique and Subject

ALL MATERIAL PRESENTED MUST BE DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY JUDGES.

ALL ENTRIES THAT DO NOT MEET COMPETITION GUIDELINES MAY BE SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION.

****WRITING & VISUAL ART ENTRIES ONLY:** Chandler Sister Cities Organization is also conducting a Writing and Visual Art Competition for Chandler students ages 13-18. Writing entries can only be 500 words long. Art entries can only be 2-dimensional. Visit www.chandlerirish.org for more information.

If you check this box and your writing or art entry is a semifinalist for this competition, we will automatically submit your entry in the Sister Cities competition as well.