



National PTA Reflections Awards

Each year, students in Pre-K through Grade 12 are invited to create and submit original works of art in the areas of **Dance Choreography**, **Film Production**, **Literature**, **Music Composition**, **Photography** and **Visual Arts**. Based on State PTA rules and guidelines, these works of art may be submitted for state and national level awards and recognition opportunities.

Of the national-level submissions, over 200 student Reflections participants will receive the following awards from National PTA:

- **Merit Award:** Bronze Medal; Certificate of Merit; Work featured in the traveling exhibition
- **Award of Excellence:** \$200 Young Artist Scholarship; Silver Medal; Certificate of Excellence; Work featured in the traveling exhibition
- **Outstanding Interpretation Award:** An expense-paid trip for awardee and chaperone to showcase work on stage at the National PTA Awards and Reflections Celebration; \$800 Young Artist Scholarship; Gold Medal; Certificate of Outstanding Interpretation; Work featured in the traveling exhibition; \$200 Prize for Local PTA Unit

Student entries submitted to the national level go through two rounds of review by esteemed arts professionals across the country. During the evaluation process, judges will consider the following criteria:

1. **Interpretation:** How closely the piece relates to the theme, based on the work itself and the artist statement.
2. **Creativity:** How creative and original the piece is in its conception of the theme and its presentation.
3. **Technique:** The level of skill demonstrated in the basic principles/techniques of the arts area.

Judges strongly consider the interpretation of the Reflections theme during the evaluation process. It is suggested that students give their submissions a title that stands out and describes how the piece relates to the student's personal interpretation

of the theme. The following guiding questions can be useful when developing a title and artist statement:

- How does your work relate to the theme?
- What is your personal connection to the theme?
- What did you use to create your work (e.g., supplies, technology, instrumentation, props, etc.)
- What/who was your inspiration?

From Art to Exhibit

Student winners from the local level have the opportunity to move up through their district, region, council and state PTA programs to the national level. National Reflections winners are announced in May and celebrated annually at **National PTA's Convention & Expo** in June. National PTA then collects and curates the traveling exhibit for the next year.

Available Arts Categories and Divisions:

All student entries must follow official guidelines and arts category submission requirements, including a signed entry form. Please review the special artist division rules. There is also a special artist category opportunity for students with disabilities.

- Offer 1 or more arts category: dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography and visual arts. Students may enter in one or more arts categories.
- Offer 1 or more division: Primary: Pre-school- Grade 2, Intermediate: Grade 3-5, and Middle school Grade 6-8. Special Artist: All grades
- **Theme:** Entries will be judged primarily on how well the student uses his or her artistic vision to portray the 2019-2020 theme: “**Look Within**”

Deadline for entries: October 25th, 2019

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