Planning and Launching a Successful Reflections Program

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2013-2014 Theme:

Believe, Dream, Inspire

History

- The PTA Reflections Program was established in 1969 by Mary Lou Anderson.

- For 40 years, the Reflections Program has encouraged millions of students across the nation and in American schools overseas to explore their artistic talents.

- During the 2009-2010 Program year more than 530,000 students in local PTA units submitted artwork.

Overview

Arts Areas

Students may submit works in any of the six arts areas:

- **Film production**
- **Dance choreography**
- **Literature**
- **Musical composition**
- **Photography**
- **Visual arts**

Student Eligibility through Local PTAs

Students must participate in the Reflections Program through a local PTA/PTSA in good standing.

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Beginning the Reflections Program is easy. Students may participate in just **one** category or all **six.**

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Grade Divisions

Students may enter the Reflections Program in the appropriate division for their grade. If students do not fall under specific grade divisions, the national PTA organization suggests that they be grouped as follows:
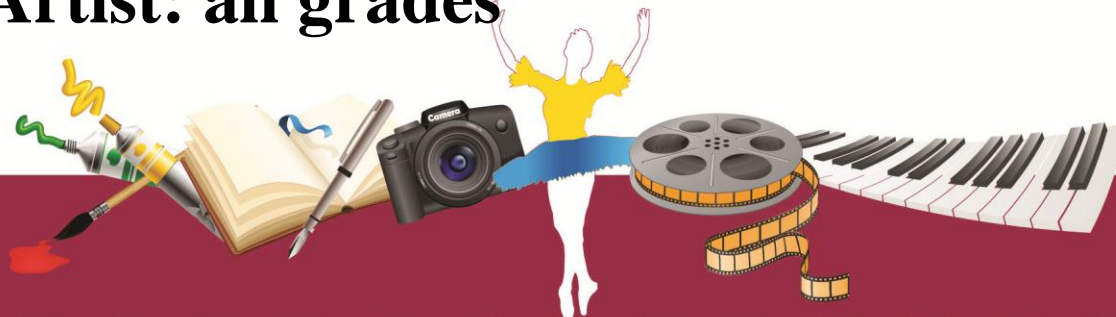
*Primary: **preschool – grade 2**

•Intermediate: **grades 3–5**

•Middle/Junior**: grades 6–8**

•Senior: **grades 9–12**

•**Special Artist: all grades**

Reflections Program Cycle

Appoint A Reflections Program Chair

Develop Program Plan And Timeline

Wrap Up The Details

Promote The Reflections Program

Artwork Passed To Next Level

Collect And Process The Artwork

Celebrate The Participants

Judging At Each Level

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Forms

- Students must submit a "**Student Entry Form**" (signed by parent/guardian if student is under 18 years of age) they may get this from you or download one

- Local Reflections Chairs submit:
  - **Enter Student Entry Forms online & submit copy & Art Work** for local unit winners

Forms (cont.)

- Council Reflections Chairs submit:
  - **The same as Local Unit or if already online, just advance student**

- District Reflections Chair submits:
  - **Make sure student entry form is online for** district winners, attach copy and submit entries (at Reflections turn-in event in February 2014 in Columbia)

Please make copies of all forms for your records.

Helpful Tips

- **Verify that artist statement section is completed by student. It is a <u>requirement</u>.**

- **Emphasize importance of reading and following rules for specific art area before submitting entry.**

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Judging

- Allow for sufficient time for judging of entries

- Judges should not be from the host school

- Provide judges with "judging rubric"

- It is important to conduct blind judging – where judges do not see the artists' names – in situations or settings where judges may know a student

- Levels of judging: local, (council), district, state, national
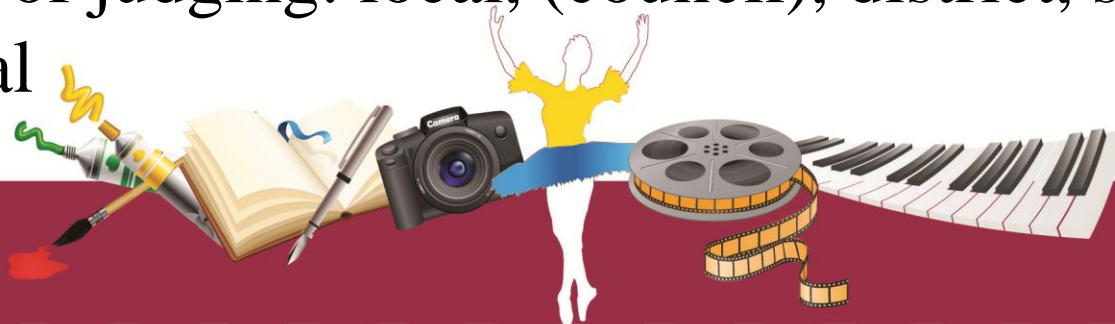
Deadlines

- **State deadline**: February 2014.

- **District deadline**: to be determined by each district. Please check with your district Reflections Chair for further information.

- **Local deadline**: to be determined by each participating local unit. Please check with your local unit Reflections Chair for further information.

Awards Ceremony

- Awards Ceremony for all state winners is held in the Spring.

- National winners are notified in May.

- National winners for Outstanding Interpretation are invited to attend National Convention. Winners of Awards of Merit and Awards of Excellence receive a certificate from National PTA in July.
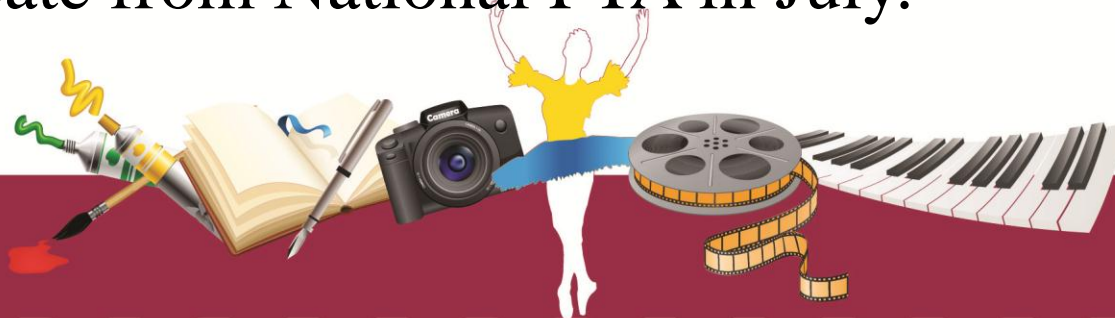
Student Entry Form

Note:
Parent/Guardian
must sign if student is under 18

Form A

"Together We Can"
2010-2011 PTA Reflections Program
LOCAL PTA UNIT PARTICIPATION – **FORM A**

The following information is required from all local PTAs participating in the Reflections Program. Please complete this form and forward it with your Reflections Program entries to the next level of judging. This form documents the number of entries submitted to the Reflections Program at the local PTA level. *Please provide all of the information requested.*

THIS FORM IS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE LOCAL UNIT REFLECTIONS CHAIRMAN.

Local Unit PTA Information

PTA/PTSA Name (as indicated on your bylaws or charter) _____

PTA/PTSA address _____

PTA District # _____ PTA Council name _____

PTA/PTSA President's name _____

Reflections program chair's name _____

Reflections program chair's address _____

Chair's phone # (_____) _____ Chair's email _____

Number of students enrolled in school as of 10th day of school _____

Total number of students participating in school's 2010-2011 Reflections program _____

Total Number of Entries Received by Local PTA

ENTRIES	Total number of entries (by age division) submitted by students belonging to your unit				
	Primary (pre-2)	Intermediate (3-5)	Middle/Jr. (6-8)	Senior (9-12)	Total Received
Literature					
Musical composition					
Photography					
Visual arts					
Dance choreography					
Film production					
Total number of entries					

Total Number of Entries Forwarded to SCPTA

ENTRIES	Total number of entries (by age division) forwarded to state PTA				
	Primary (pre-2)	Intermediate (3-5)	Middle/Jr. (6-8)	Senior (9-12)	Total Forwarded
Literature					
Musical composition					
Photography					
Visual arts					
Dance choreography					
Film production					
Total number of entries					

Please send this completed form with your entries to the next level of judging.

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Form B

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LOCAL PTA UNIT PARTICIPATION – FORM B

The following information is required from all local PTAs participating in the Reflections Program. Please complete this form and forward it with your Reflections Program entries to the next level of judging. Please provide all of the information requested.

THIS FORM IS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE LOCAL UNIT REFLECTIONS CHAIRMAN.

Local Unit PTA Information

PTA/PTSA Name (as indicated on your bylaws or charter) _____

CATEGORY	STUDENT'S NAME	FULL ADDRESS	PHONE	AGE	GRADE	DIVISION
Literature						P I M S
Literature						P I M S
Literature						P I M S
Literature						P I M S
Music						P I M S
Music						P I M S
Music						P I M S
Music						P I M S
Photo						P I M S
Photo						P I M S
Photo						P I M S
Photo						P I M S
Visual Arts						P I M S
Visual Arts						P I M S
Visual Arts						P I M S
Visual Arts						P I M S
Dance						P I M S
Dance						P I M S
Dance						P I M S
Dance						P I M S
Film						P I M S
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Four (4) entries in each category are allowed per PTA unit.
Maximum number of entries from each school is 24.

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Parent/Guardian Consent Form

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Parent/Guardian Consent Form

I give my permission for my son/daughter, _____ (NAME), to participate in the taping, photographing, or audio recording of a PTA® Reflections℠ entry. I give consent for said student's voice and or physical appearance to be included in the entry and agree that National PTA® shall be the exclusive owner of copyright in such taping, photography or recording. This entry may be used an unlimited number of times in perpetuity in connection with the PTA Reflections Program or other National PTA purposes. I understand that these entries may be judged at the local, regional, state, and national level. Entries may be displayed at a school or at another public area, including the Internet.

Name of student submitting the entry: _____

I have read and understand the rules of the Reflections Program.

_____
Student Name

_____   _____
Parent/Guardian Printed Name   Date

_____   _____
Parent/Guardian Signature   Date

For Reflections participants: This completed form must accompany the artwork submission and Student Entry Form if another person appears in the submission who is under the age of 18.

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Submission Checklist

2010–2011 PTA Reflections Program

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☑ Submission Checklist

This checklist is for use in preparing your unit's Reflections Program packet for submission to the next level of judging. Please keep this list for your records.
If your packet is not complete, it may be disqualified.

❏ Confirmed that you are a PTA/PTSA in good standing.

Forms

Student Entry Forms completely filled out, including:
- ❏ PTA ID number (found in upper left corner of PTA mailing labels)
- ❏ Original signatures of student and, if student is under 18, parent/guardian
- ❏ Required Artist Statement
- ❏ Original Student Entry Forms for all entries included in the packet
- ❏ **Appropriate PTA Participation Form completely filled out and included in packet**
- ❏ Made copies of Student Entry Forms (including attached artist statements) for PTA files

Literature Entries

- ❏ Student's name written clearly on the back of each page, or if a picture book, the student's name included somewhere on the entry
- ❏ One original and two copies of each entry provided
- ❏ Each entry in a manila file folder with the Student Entry Form stapled to the back of the folder, or each entry placed in a clear sheet protector

Musical Composition Entries

- ❏ Each CD packed in a plastic or cardboard container (CD and container both identified with the student's name, grade division, state, and year) and placed in a manila envelope
- ❏ Scores included for middle/junior and senior entries, with student's name written clearly on the back of each page
- ❏ Student Entry Form in a clear sheet protector attached to the outside of each envelope

Dance Choreography Entries

- ❏ Each CD or DVD packed in a plastic or cardboard container (CD/DVD and container both identified with the student's name, grade division, state, and year) and placed in a manila envelope
- ❏ Student Entry Form in a clear sheet protector attached to the outside of each envelope

Film Production Entries

- ❏ Each CD or DVD packed in a plastic or cardboard container (CD/DVD and container both identified with the student's name, grade division, state, and year) and placed in a manila envelope

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District Participation Form

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DISTRICT PTA PARTICIPATION FORM

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THIS FORM IS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE DISTRICT REFLECTIONS CHAIRMAN ONLY.

District PTA Information

District PTA # _____   District PTA address _____

District Reflections program chair's name _____

District Reflections program chair's address _____

Chair's phone # (_____)_____   Chair's email _____

Number of local PTAs in district _____

Number of local PTAs participating in Reflections program _____

Number of councils in district _____

Number of councils participating in Reflections program _____

District PTA Information

	Total entries received	Total entries forwarded
Dance choreography		
Film production		
Literature		
Musical composition		
Photography		
Visual arts		
Total number of entries		

Council PTA Information

	Total entries received by *all* council PTAs in your district
Dance choreography	
Film production	
Literature	
Musical composition	
Photography	
Visual arts	
Total number of entries	

Local PTA Information

	Total entries received by *all* local PTAs in your district
Dance choreography	
Film production	
Literature	
Musical composition	
Photography	
Visual arts	
Total number of entries	

Please send this completed form with your entries to the next level of judging.

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Questions??

For more information about the Reflections Program, please visit,

www.ptareflections.org

Resources available at PTAreflections.org include:

- PTA Reflections Program State Arts Chairs' Guide, and Local Arts Chairs' Guide
- National award information
- General participation and arts area rules
- Student entry form and parental consent form
- Local FAQs
- Guidelines on using the PTA Reflections logo
- Promotional fliers
- A gallery of national award–winning artwork
- Reflections theme search information

National

State

Local

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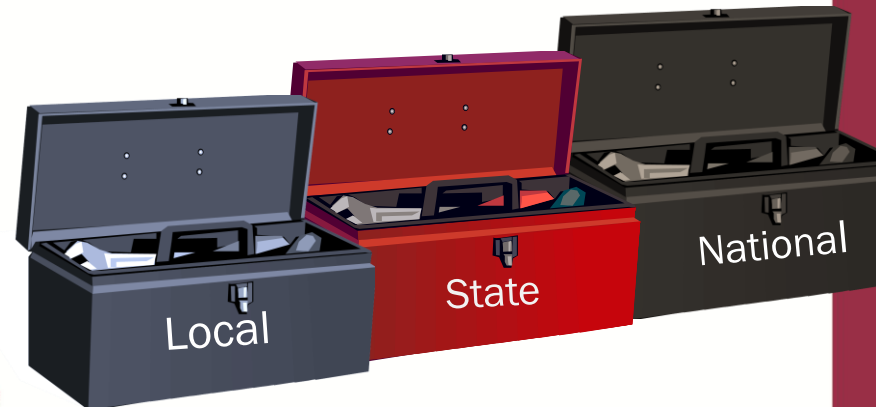
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