Planning and Launching a Successful Reflections Program

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Let your imagination fly
History

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

• For over 45 years, the Reflections Program has encouraged millions of students across the nation and in American schools overseas to explore their artistic talents.

• Every year, hundreds of thousands of students submit artwork to local PTA units.
Overview

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

• Dance choreography
• Film production
• Literature
• Musical composition
• Photography
• Visual arts

Student Eligibility through Local PTAs
Students may participate in the Reflections Program through a local PTA/PTSA in good standing OR for check with the state chair for home-schooler options.
Beginning the Reflections Program is easy. Students may participate in just one category or all six.
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

Wrap Up The Details

Develop Program Plan And Timeline

Artwork Passed To Next Level

Promote The Reflections Program

Celebrate The Participants

Collect And Process The Artwork

Judging At Each Level
Forms

• Students must submit a **Student Entry Form** (signed by parent/guardian if student is under 18 years of age) either in paper form or online. Official entry forms are located on the SCPTA.org website. Local Chairs should make these easily available to parents.

• **Local Reflections Chairs submit:**
  – Participation report, online
  – All advancing entries must be entered online
Helpful Tips

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

• Verify that title AND artist statement sections are completed by student. Both are required.
Judging

• Allow for sufficient time for judging of entries
• Judges should not be from the host school
• Provide judges with the 40 point 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, district, state, national
Deadlines

• **State deadline**: first week of February

• **District deadlines**: OPTIONAL - 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. Coordinate with your local PTA Board by working backwards from other deadlines (state, district).
Awards Ceremony

- Awards Ceremony for all state winners (1\textsuperscript{st}, 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 3\textsuperscript{rd}, and two Honorable Mentions) traditionally at SCPTA State Convention.
- 1\textsuperscript{st} place state winners advance to National level.
- National winners are announced in May.
- National winners for Outstanding Interpretation are invited to attend National Convention, late June. Awards of Excellence and Awards of Merit are also awarded.
Student Entry Form

Note: Parent/Guardian must sign if student is under 18
Participation numbers – We need them!

REGISTER your Reflections programs Online at ptareflections.org or paper form due at state turn-in
Tell us which entries are advancing!

Preferred method – key in entry forms ONLINE. Run a report for an Excel document. Next level Chair will have access. Paper form also available. Must present with entries at district/state turn-in.
Advancing Entries to State

• Each unit may advance up to four (4) entries per arts category, per age division + six (6) Special Artist entries (one per arts category).

Elementary – 30 MAXIMUM + Spec. Artists
Middle & High - 24 MAXIMUM + Spec. Artists
Parent/Guardian Consent Form

Needed for participants featured in an entry other than the student artist for dance, film, photography.
District Participation Form

Yes, we want your numbers too!
Preferred method – register online & enter figures but paper form is allowed too.
Must be turned in by state turn-in day.
Questions??
For more information about the Reflections Program, please visit,

www.scpta.org and
www.ptareflections.org
Resources available at scpta.org include:

- PTA Reflections Program Local Leaders’ Guide
  - Downloadable files including:
  - General participation and arts area rules
  - Student entry form
  - Promotional fliers & posters
  - Reflections theme search information

As well as:
- Information for National webinar events
- Online Registration Guide
- Instructions for packaging entries for the state turn-in
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