

The National PTA's Reflections program provides opportunities for recognition and access to the arts which boosts student confidence and success in the arts and in life.

Each year, over 300,000 students in Pre-K through Grade 12 create original works of art in response to a student selected theme. This 50+ year-old program helps them explore their own thoughts, feelings, and ideas, develop artistic literacy, increase confidence, and find a love for learning that will help them become more successful in school and in life.

The theme for the 2025-2026 program year is "I Belong". Each entry must be a new piece created for this year's contest and must be the original work of only one student. Students may submit completed works of art in one or all of the six available arts categories listed below. Student artists must complete the attached entry form and submit it, along with the original artwork, to the Palmetto Elementary PTA Reflections committee. A collection bin will be available in the Media Center from September 29, 2025 until dismissal on the contest deadline of Friday, October 17, 2025.



**Music Composition** 



Dance Choreography



**Film Production** 



Literature



**Photography** 



**Visual Arts** 

Artworks are submitted to the Reflections committee of Palmetto Elementary PTA, where they are first recognized, celebrated and judged by Primary (K-2nd) and Intermediate (3rd-5th) grade-level divisions. Winners will be announced and celebrated at the 2025 Reflections Holiday Concert on December 12th. Palmetto Elementary PTA's Reflections committee then sends a selection of entries on to the Miami-Dade County Reflections council for judging. The final artworks submitted to Florida PTA by county councils are then considered for Awards of Excellence or Awards of Merit. Award of Excellence entries are then forwarded to National PTA to represent Florida at the National level.

Questions? Give us a call or send us a quick e-mail at reflections.pes@gmail.com. Good luck!

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