



PTA® Reflections

Photography Rules

PHOTOGRAPHY is the process of creating an image. The **photographer** (student submitting entry) is a person who captures their own thoughts and ideas with a camera. By focusing on objects using various lenses, filters and light sources, photographers may demonstrate the use of photographic techniques conventionally or digitally. The **photographer** (student submitting entry) should be the one to set the scene, lighting and take the picture. If the **photographer** wishes to be in the photograph, a timer or remote must be used.

2020-2021 Theme: I Matter Because...

Accepted forms of photography include: A single photo, panoramic, photomontage (one seamless print of multiple original photos), a multiple exposure, negative sandwich or photogram. Original black-and-white and color images are accepted. **Non-accepted forms of photography include:** Entries with added graphics over the image, including lettering, are not accepted. Original film (negatives or transparencies) and multidimensional pieces are not accepted. Photo collages not printed as one seamless photo are not permitted in this category.

Originality: Only new pieces of artwork inspired by the theme may be submitted. Each entry must be the work of one student only.

Consider use of objects, lighting and the location to show a clear relation of the photo to the theme.

Copyright: Use of copyrighted material, including copyrighted cartoon characters, scenes created in computer programs (i.e. Minecraft) or other such material, is not acceptable in any photography submission, with the following exception: Photographs may include public places, well-known products, trademarks or certain other copyrighted material as long as that copyrighted material is incidental to the subject matter of the piece and/or is a smaller element of a whole. The resulting work cannot try to establish an association between the student and the trademark/business/material, or influence the purchase/non-purchase of the trademarked good.

Presentation: Framed photos are not accepted. Matting is accepted.

- Entry must not be smaller than 3"X5" and no larger than 8"X10"
- Print must be mounted on sturdy material such as cardboard or poster board not to exceed 11"x14" inches, including matting.

Packaging:

- Send digitally to your local PTA along with the entry form.

Judging: Entries will be judged on mastery of the medium (worth 8 points), artistic merit (worth 12 points), and interpretation of the theme (worth 20 points). Mastery of the medium in the context of the national Reflections Program pertains to the level of skill the student demonstrates in the basic principles/ techniques of the arts area, whether an entry displays use of technologies or a simple approach. However, a well-developed concept is more important than technique. Entries will be judged primarily on how well the student uses his or her artistic vision to portray the theme. Many times, the artist statement will make a huge difference during judging because this is where the artist can explain in their own words, their thoughts and feelings for their piece. An explanation of the photography process/form might be a useful addition to the statement.

Submission Requirements:

- It is not required to be a member of the PTA, but if the student advances to the district level, the student or at least one person from their primary household must have been a current member of the Local PTA.
- Each Local PTA may determine a date by which the member must join.
- Each entry must be the original work of one student only.
- Cite background music (if any) on the student entry form.

Return of Artwork:

Entries that win at local levels will be forwarded to the next level of judging. If an entry is forwarded to the state level, it will not be returned until the end of the school year. Seniors should preserve a copy of their photograph to include in their portfolio. Final judging of winning entries occurs at the national level where all entries are received in an electronic format. Entries awarded at the National level will be included in their online and traveling exhibit. The original artwork may not be returned for 1-3 years.

All participants must also follow Official Rules for Participation.

THE LOCAL (SCHOOL) PTA MUST COMPLETE THIS SECTION BEFORE ADVANCING

Verify household membership and complete partial or illegible entry forms. **CORRECT and COMPLETE CONTACT INFORMATION is VERY important as the entry progresses so the family receives information about possible awards and ceremonies.**

School PTA Contact Name: _____ Phone Number: _____ Email: _____
Household Membership Verified by: _____ Date Joined: _____

Local (School) PTA must attain Active Status with Texas PTA by October 31st

PTA has reported at least 20 members to Texas PTA Board Member Information Reported to Texas PTA

Please type or print clearly in black or blue ink (do not use pencil). This form must be completed in its entirety. If additional space is needed, please continue onto the back or a separate sheet of paper and clearly mark with your full name.

The student or at least one person from their primary household must be a current member of the Local PTA/PTSA where the student is participating. Encourage members to join before judging begins.

REQUIRED PTA MEMBER NAME(S): _____ CHOOSE ONE: Current Member/Date Joined: _____
 Please contact me! We need to join.
The best way to contact me is by: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____ GRADE: _____ AGE: _____ M/F: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME(S): _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

SCHOOL NAME: _____ SCHOOL DISTRICT: _____

TEACHER NAME: _____ TEACHER EMAIL: _____

Ownership in any submission shall remain the property of the entrant, but entry into this program constitutes entrant's irrevocable permission and consent that PTA may display, copy, reproduce, enhance, print, sublicense, publish, distribute and create derivative works for PTA purposes. PTA is not responsible for lost or damaged entries. Submission of entry into the PTA Reflections program constitutes acceptance of all rules and conditions. I agree to the above statement and the National PTA Reflections Official Rules.

Signature of student

Signature of parent/legal guardian (required if child is under 18 years)

JUDGING INFORMATION

GRADE DIVISION (Check One)

- PRIMARY (Preschool- Grade 2) HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 9-12)
 INTERMEDIATE (Grades 3-5) SPECIAL ARTIST* (All Grades)
 MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 6-8)

ARTS CATEGORY (Check One)

- DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY MUSIC COMPOSITION
 FILM PRODUCTION PHOTOGRAPHY
 LITERATURE VISUAL ARTS

*Please refer to the Special Artist Guidelines if you believe your entry qualifies for this division.

Special Artist entrants should select both their grade division and the Special Artist box.

TITLE OF ARTWORK (REQUIRED): _____

ENTRY DETAILS: (Dance/Film: cite background music; Music: musician(s)/instrumentation; Literature: word count; Photo/Visual Arts: materials & dimensions) _____

ARTIST STATEMENT (REQUIRED): Statement must be 10- 100 words describing how your work relates to the theme. *Many times, the artist statement will make a huge difference during judging because this is where you as the artist can explain in your own words, your thoughts and feelings for the piece.

