



# PTA® Reflections

## Visual Arts Rules

**VISUAL ARTS** include many art forms that are visual in nature. The **artist** (student submitting entry) is a person who captures their own thoughts and ideas to create a visual piece of art.

### 2020-2021 Theme: *I Matter Because...*

**Accepted forms of visual art include:** 2D original print, drawing, painting, collage (cut and pasted materials such as clippings and photos), metal etching or punch work, fiber work or computer-generated artwork. Glued items should be well adhered to avoid losing integrity during shipping and handling. \*

\*Note these guidelines are specific to Texas PTA. While other states have decided to incorporate additional 3D art mediums, Texas PTA has made the decision to accept only 2D Visual Arts entries.

**Originality:** Only new pieces of artwork inspired by the theme may be submitted. Reproductions or enlargements of another artwork are not accepted. Each entry must be the original work of one student only.

**Copyright:** Use of copyrighted material, including any copyrighted cartoon characters or likeness thereof, is not acceptable in any visual arts submission, with the following exceptions:

- Visual artwork 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.
- Visual arts collages may include portions of existing copyrighted works, such as photographs, magazine clippings, internet images and type cut out of a newspaper, as long as those portions of copyrighted works are used to create a completely new and different work of art.

**Presentation:** Frames and artwork containing loose materials are not accepted. Matting is accepted.

- Dimensions must not exceed 24x30 inches, including matting.
- Paper entries should be mounted on sturdy material.

#### **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 with formal technique 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 art form might also 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.
- If the entry advances, (Visual Art only) the original artwork will be collected prior to moving on to State judging.

#### **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 artwork 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 31<sup>st</sup>**
 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

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 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 &amp; 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.

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