



## Theme Search Judging Instructions

**The search is on for a future National PTA Reflections program theme!**

One child's theme search submission will be chosen to inspire the creativity and imagination of thousands of students across the country and in U.S. schools overseas.

Only **five** state finalists will be chosen to advance to the national round and one national winner will be selected in February. The winner's theme will be used the year after next (i.e., the theme is chosen two years in advance).

**Using the considerations and scale below to score each theme submission, MDPTA Arts in Education Committee will choose the five finalists**

Please send your scores by email to [office@mdpta.org](mailto:office@mdpta.org) by **Friday, November 6, 2020**.

### Considerations:

- Theme is **unique**, inspiring and unlike past program themes.
- Theme is **focused** without being too narrow or too broad.
- Theme is **clear**, concise and appropriate for all grade levels.
- Theme is **applicable** to all arts categories.
- Theme **promotes PTA values**.
- Theme is **relevant in 2 years**.
- *Past themes and duplicate entries are not considered.*

### Score Range:

- 10 pts Exceptional Theme
- 8 pts Strong Theme
- 6 pts Appropriate Theme
- 4 pts Weak/Basic Theme
- 2 pts Less Appropriate Theme
- 0 pts Disqualified



## Theme Search Entry Form

### The search is on for a future Reflections theme!

National PTA's Reflections program has helped students 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.

Each year, over 300,000 students in Pre-K through Grade 12 create original works of art in response to a student-selected theme. In response to this theme, students create works of art in one or all the available arts categories: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts.

Help us pick the theme idea that will spark fun and creativity during the 2022—2023 Reflections program! The student who submits the winning entry will receive \$100 prize from National PTA.

Past themes and duplicate submissions are not considered. This means we're looking for the most original theme ideas.

To participate, complete this form and submit by email to [office@mdpta.org](mailto:office@mdpta.org) by **November 6, 2020**.

### Theme Idea:

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*This box is to be completed by PTA before distribution.*

PTA LEADER NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

PTA ID \_\_\_\_\_ PTA NAME \_\_\_\_\_ STATE MARYLAND

COUNCIL PTA \_\_\_\_\_ PTA in Good Standing? \_\_\_\_\_



## Past Program Themes

**1969-1970** Reflections: Children and Youth, Mirror Their World

**1970-1971** Reflections: Children and Youth, Look to Tomorrow

**1971-1972** Reflections: America, The Beautiful, The Ugly

**1972-1973** Reflections: This is Our Country

**1973-1974** From Sea to Shining Sea

**1974-1975** Our Heritage—Our Hopes

**1975-1976** Spirit of '76—Miracle of America

**1976-1977** What the World Needs Now

**1977-1978** Love Is...

**1978-1979** Look Out Your Window

**1979-1980** Behind the Gates of Tomorrow

**1980-1981** What a Family Means to Me

**1981-1982** What Makes Me Smile

**1982-1983** Life in These United States

**1983-1984** I Have a Dream

**1984-1985** What Sparks My Imagination

**1985-1986** From Liberty's View

**1986-1987** In Celebration: A Past to Remember, a Future to Mold

**1987-1988** Wonders of the World

**1988-1989** Proud Experiences

**1989-1990** Where Does the Sky End?

**1990-1991** If I Had a Wish

**1991-1992** Exploring New Beginnings

**1992-1993** Imagine That

**1993-1994** If I Could Give the World a Gift

**1994-1995** Dare to Discover

**1995-1996** Just Open Your Eyes and See

**1996-1997** It Could Happen

**1997-1998** Wouldn't It Be Great If...

**1998-1999** Suddenly You Turn Around And...

**1999-2000** Anything is Possible...

**2000-2001** It Would be Really Strange If...

**2001-2002** I Hold in My Hand...

**2002-2003** Signs of Courage

**2003-2004** I Am Really Happy When...

**2004-2005** A Different Kind of Hero

**2005-2006** I Wonder Why...

**2006-2007** My Favorite Place

**2007-2008** I Can Make a Difference By...

**2008-2009** Wow!

**2009-2010** Beauty Is...

**2010-2011** Together We Can...

**2011-2012** Diversity Means...

**2012-2013** The Magic of a Moment...

**2013-2014** Believe, Dream, Inspire

**2014-2015** The World Would Be a Better Place If

**2015-2016** Let Your Imagination Fly

**2016-2017** What Is Your Story?

**2017-2018** Within Reach

**2018-2019** Heroes Around Me

**2019-2020** Look Within

**2020-2021** I Matter Because...

**2021-2022** I Will Change the World By...