
All participants must also follow General Rules for Participation.

Description

Literature entries may be a work of fiction or nonfiction. Prose, poetry and drama are all accepted. The entry must relate to the current National PTA Reflections[®] Program theme. Whether an entry uses a variety of techniques or a simple approach, it will be judged primarily on how well the student uses his or her artistic vision to portray the theme.

Presentation & Format

- Entries must not exceed 2,000 words.
- Entries may be handwritten or typed.
- Include page numbers & include student name on back of each page.
- Illustrated entries, including “books,” with pictures drawn by the student are acceptable; however, only literary content is judged.
- Collections of poems or short stories are not accepted.
- Entries are to reflect grade-appropriate grammar, punctuation and spelling.

Dictation and Typing

- Students may have their entries typed by another person as long as the original work or a copy of the original work is attached.
- Students in pre-school, kindergarten or 1st grade may dictate to another person who may print or type exact words as spoken by the student.
- Transcribers should make every attempt to retain the same level of language and accuracy that is reflected in the student’s original work.

Translation

- Students for whom English is not their first language may submit literature entries in their own language.
An interpretive translation in English must accompany the entry.
- Translators should make every attempt to retain the same level of language and accuracy that is reflected in the student’s original work.

Submission Instructions: *Follow your State PTA guidelines regarding required submission format.*

Paper format of literary entry:

- Submit literature works on 9.5 x 11 paper.
- Submit envelope to your PTA Reflections Chair containing two paper copies of literature entry and student entry form. If possible, also provide an electronic copy (CD or Flash Drive) of your entry.