

Berea PTA Council

REFLECTIONS
PROGRAM



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What is Reflections?

- National PTA's **Reflections** program provides opportunities for recognition and access to the arts which boost 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.
- Students submit their completed works of art in one or all of the available arts categories.



1.
Dance Choreography



2.
Film



3.
Literature



4.
Music



5.
Photography



6.
Visual Arts

- **Dance Choreography:** Solo and ensemble works of all dance styles are accepted. Entrant must be the choreographer and may also be the performer, or one of the performers. If background music is used, cite it on the entry form. **Video** file must not exceed 5 minutes in length and 1,000 MB (1,000 megabyte) in file size and be in MP4 or AVI format.
- **Film Production:** Accepted short film styles include: Animation, narrative, documentary, experimental or media presentation. Use of PowerPoint is prohibited. Entrant must be the screenwriter, cinematographer, editor and producer. If background music is used, cite it on the entry form. **Video** file must not exceed 5 minutes in length and 1,000 MB (1,000 megabyte) in file size and be in MP4 or AVI format.
- **Literature:** Accepted forms of fiction and nonfiction include: Prose, poetry, reflective essay, screen play and play script, narrative, and short story. Entrants may write in their primary language as long as an interpretive English translation is also attached. Use of copyrighted material is prohibited. **Writing** must not exceed 2,000 words and may be handwritten or typed. Accepted formats: Single-sided print on 8 1/2x11" paper, PDF file.
- **Music Composition:** All music styles and combinations of instrumentation are accepted. Entrant must be the composer and may also be the performer, or one of the performers. Use of copyrighted material is prohibited. **Audio** recording must not exceed 5 minutes in length and 1,000 MB (1,000 megabyte) in file size. Accepted audio file formats include: MP3 and WAV. **Notation** (score/tablature) in PDF format is only required for middle and high school divisions.
- **Photography:** Photo must be a single print/digital image. Collages and collections of photos are not accepted. Entrant must be the photographer and may use a variety of digital editing techniques including but not limited to, multiple exposure, negative sandwich and photogram. Use of copyrighted material is prohibited. **Print** image dimensions must be no smaller than 3x5 inches and no larger than 8x10 inches. Accepted print formats: Mounted on mat or poster board no larger than 11x14 inches. Framed prints are not accepted. **Digital** image dimensions must be at least 640x960 (pixels) and 300 dpi (resolution). Accepted file formats: JPEG, JPG, and PNG.
- **Visual Arts:** Works of both fine and design arts are accepted, including but not limited to: architectural drawing and models, ceramics, collage, computer generated images and graphics, crafts, drawing, fashion clothes and jewelry, fiber work, mixed media, painting, printmaking and sculpture. Use of copyrighted material is prohibited. **2D** artworks must be mounted on sturdy material and no larger than 24x30 inches with matting. Framed entries are not accepted. Include one digital image of artwork with your submission. **3D** artwork submissions must contain 3 digital images of artwork at different angles. Image(s) are used for artwork identification, judging and exhibition purposes. Accepted file formats: JPEG, JPG, and PNG.
- **Special Artist:** Students who identify as having a disability and may receive services under IDEA or ADA: Section 504 may enter in the Special Artist Division **or** grade division most closely aligned to their functional abilities. See Official Rules for details.

The Theme

- The annual Reflections theme is created by a student and selected two years in advance through National PTA's annual theme search contest.
- This year's theme was submitted by a then 1st grader, Rylee Stier, drew inspiration from her town being impacted by the CA wildfires of 2018

The logo for Arts Awards features the words "Arts Awards" in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The text is centered within a teal square, which is itself set against a black rectangular background.

**Arts
Awards**

Current Participation


- Students or parents interested in participating in the Reflections program connect with their PTA
- PTAs host Reflections nights for families to attend.
- Minimum amount of students participate in our district; less than 3%

NEW VISION

- Encourage **ALL** students to participate in the arts through PTA Reflections.
- Encourage **ALL** staff who teach any of the 6 categories to have their students participate
- Every year's theme could be linked to curriculum and other learning objectives.

Reflections Timeline

- July/August – register for Reflections on National PTA website
- September – PTA Council Reflections Chair will ask each PTA unit to provide a Reflections Chair and help each unit prepare for the launch of Reflections in each school in October
- October – kick off for Reflections and its theme to all students with either a family fun night or assembly that incorporates the theme for that year (National Arts & Humanities Month)
- October/November – After kick off, incorporate the Reflections theme into lessons in the classroom following the guidelines for each category.
- December – select entries to be judged (each grade level/class should have entries). Chosen entries then will have to have registration forms completed in order for their Reflections to be submitted to PTA Council. All entries to PTA Council need to be submitted before Winter Break.
- PTA Council will judge all submitted entries and notify PTAs, Principals, and winners in January.



***Reflections
Chairs***

BMHS - Heather Losneck

BMMS – Crystal Elsehaly

Big Creek – Jennifer Ashforth

BPE – Melisa Trapnell

Grindstone - Lauren Lloyd

Titans ECPTA – Krista Rizvi



Founder's Day

celebrating the work & legacy of our founders

All Reflection's winners will be recognized and awarded at this event along with our Outstanding Educator and Helping Hands recipients.

Q & A