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***All participants must also follow General Rules for Participation.***

*All students advancing to the next round of the competition must complete an Official Online Student Entry Form at [pta.org/reflections](http://pta.org/reflections).*

**Literature 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<sup>®</sup> 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:**

- Entries must not exceed 2,000 words.
- Entries may be handwritten or typed.
- 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.

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### **Format**

At the local level, an electronic version of literary entry may or may not be required, as determined by each local and State PTA. Please check local and state rules and guidelines for these requirements. Students whose literature entries are selected to move past the local level of the National PTA Reflections<sup>®</sup> competition will complete an Online Student Entry process that will include uploading an electronic version of their literary entry.

- **Acceptable file formats for typed literature documents:** DOC, DOCX, PDF, PPT, PPTX
- **Acceptable file format for hand written literature documents:** PDF
- **Maximum Upload File Size:** 1GB (one gigabyte).

### **Missouri PTA Required Format**

Missouri PTA requires that all entries that are selected to move on to the state level be submitted to Missouri PTA in one of the above acceptable file formats, and one paper copy. The entry should be placed on a CD. The student's name and PTA should be on the label of the CD as well as the age division for the entry. The electronic entry and paper copy should be placed in an 8 ½ x 11 envelope. The student's name and age division should be on the outside of the envelope.

**Missouri PTA does not return literature entries, so please be sure to keep a copy for your records.**