
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.

Photography Description:

A photography entry must be an original black-and-white or color image produced by a photographic process. The entry must relate to the current Reflections Program theme. The entry may incorporate such techniques as photomontage, multiple exposure, negative sandwiches, and photograms. Images may be manipulated conventionally or digitally. Images should demonstrate the student's proper use of photographic techniques such as depth of field and exposure. The images may be created using various lenses, filters, and light sources. Photographs with added graphics over the image, including lettering, are not acceptable.

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:

- A single print or collage may not exceed 11 inches by 14 inches, including matting.
- Mount all prints on a cardboard mat, poster board, or some other sturdy material.
- Protecting the work with shrink-wrap or a transparent plastic cover is optional but highly recommended.
- Framed entries, original film (negatives or transparencies), and multidimensional pieces are **not accepted**.

Use of Copyrighted Material:

Use of copyrighted material, including copyrighted cartoon characters or other such material, is not acceptable in any Photography submission, with the following exceptions:

- Photographs 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.

Format:

The National PTA Reflections Program accepts most common file formats for entry, including any of the following: JPEG, GIF, PNG, BMP. Maximum Upload File Size: 1GB (one gigabyte).

Missouri PTA Format:

Missouri PTA suggests that the artwork be shrink-wrapped to protect the surface of the entry. The National PTA Reflections[®] Program Student Entry Process Form must be attached to the back of the entry in a clear top loading sheet protector.

Missouri PTA Artwork Return:

Missouri PTA will return non-winning artwork in late March or early April. The Regional Director or other Missouri PTA Board of Managers member will return the non-winning artwork to the unit president or Reflections chair. Please contact your local chairperson first for the location of your artwork.

Winning artwork will be available at the event honoring our winners, usually in late April or early May, for the student to pick up. Any artwork not picked up by the student at the event honoring our winners will be returned to the unit president or Reflections chair by a unit's Regional Director or other Missouri PTA Board of Managers member.

Missouri PTA suggests that you keep a digital copy of your artwork for tracking purposes.