The arts—and the National PTA® Reflections program—support student success and serve as a valuable tool for engaging families and building strong partnerships in the school community. Founded in 1969, Reflections engages over 300,000 students and their families in arts education activities each year by encouraging students to explore the arts for fun and recognition.

START your PTA Reflections program today!

Pre-Kindergarten through grade 12 students are encouraged to submit original works of art in one or more of the following categories:

- Dance Choreography
- Music Composition
- Film Production
- Literature
- Photography
- Visual Arts

Students who identify as having a disability may enter in the Special Artist Division or grade division most closely aligned to their functional abilities. Check with your state PTA for program guidelines, submission deadlines and recognition opportunities. Learn more and get involved!

Awards and Exhibits

Student entries submitted to the national level go through two rounds of review by esteemed arts professionals across the country. Over 200 students are recognized for their achievements in the arts and their works are exhibited throughout the year. Top national-level winners are provided prizes and scholarships and their works are showcased and exhibited.

Reflections Theme Contest

Students are invited to submit a concept to be considered for a future Reflections program theme. Every year, one student's theme is selected by a team of National PTA volunteers and the winning student is awarded and recognized. Contact your state PTA for guidelines and entry form.

Mary Lou Anderson Arts Enhancement Grant

This grant provides matching dollar funding to local PTAs to support in-school and after-school arts enhancement projects within their communities. PTAs serving at-risk student populations are particularly encouraged to apply.

Don’t have an active PTA/PTSA affiliate?

Contact National PTA at info@PTA.org or (800) 307-4782 and we will help you bring the arts to your school community with Reflections.

Artwork from Reflections winners: Sarah Winters, Julia Scheuermann, Alexandra Hanesworth, Ezekiel Kulow, Siena Frankland, Anna Eafanti, Hannah Shoultz, Mackenzie Baldree, Heidi Kyler, Haley Young, Katelyn Smith, Gabriel Bowman, Bethany Barnes, Jadyn Sano, Marisa Lu