WHAT IS REFLECTIONS?

For over 50 years, the National PTA Reflections program has provided access to and opportunities for recognition in the arts, which boosts student confidence and success. By creating original works of art in response to a student-selected theme, participants explore their own thoughts, feelings and ideas, develop artistic literacy, increase confidence and find a love for learning. Students participate in the division most appropriate for them (i.e., Primary, Intermediate, Middle School, High School, Special Artist) and create in the available arts categories: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts. As a tiered arts recognition program, winning student artworks from the local PTA level are eligible to move up through their district, region, council and state PTA programs to the national level. National PTA Reflections winners are announced in May and celebrated throughout the following year.

NATIONAL REVIEW DATA

In the 2021-2022 I Will Change the World By... Reflections program, thanks to the incredible leadership of Reflections Chairs across the country, over 900 student works of art from 47 states progressed to the national level for review. After two rounds of review by arts professionals, over 200 students from 39 states received a national level award.

National PTA Outstanding Interpretation Winners

Arsal Shaur
Intermediate (Grades 3-5)—Photography, Country Parkway PTA, New York

Dao Nguyen
Middle School (Grades 6-8)—Literature, Castillero Middle School PTA, California

James Jordan
Special Artist (all grades)—Music Composition, Syracuse High PTSA, Utah

Jasmine Roldan
High School (Grades 9-12)—Visual Arts, Hicksville High School PTSA, New York

Oviya Gowder
High School (Grades 9-12)—Dance Choreography, James Clemens High School PTSA, Alabama

Sonia Singh
Middle School (Grades 6-8)—Music Composition, Acadia PTA, New York

Yasmeen Fahs
Intermediate (Grades 3-5)—Film Production, Rowan Elementary PTA, Pennsylvania

National-Level Submissions by Arts Category

- Dance Choreography: 15%
- Film Production: 15%
- Literature: 18%
- Music Composition: 14%
- Photography: 17%
- Visual Arts: 21%

National-Level Submissions by Division

- Special Artist (all grades): 10%
- Primary (Pre-K through Grade 2): 23%
- Intermediate (Grades 3-5): 27%
- Middle Schools (Grades 6-8): 22%
- High School (Grades 9-12): 18%
Registration Data

Each year, we invite PTAs of all levels to register for Reflections to show the wide reach and impact of the program. This data provides just a snapshot of total Reflections participants across the nation.

51 States Participating in Reflections Across all PTA Levels

Top 5 State PTAs with Highest Percentage of Registered PTAs Based on State Membership Size

- 47% UT of state membership
- 34% SC of state membership
- 31% MI of state membership
- 30% LA of state membership
- 33% WY of state membership

37% Local PTA Participation in Title 1 Schools

School Size Breakdown of Local PTAs Registered

- 33% Small (<500 Students)
- 47% Medium (500-999 Students)
- 21% Large (>1,000 Students)

11% Local PTAs Participating for the First Time

School Grade Level Breakdown of Registered Local PTAs

- 59% Elementary
- 13% High
- 6% K-8
- 17% Middle
- 4% Other

How Registered Local PTAs Discovered the Reflections Program

- 35% Other Local PTA Leaders
- 20% Region PTA
- 17% School Staff
- 17% State PTA
- 13% National PTA
- 5% Other
- 1% Media

Dance Choreography  Music Composition  Film Production

Literature  Photography  Visual Arts

Testimonials from Local PTAs

“We would like to provide our students with an artistic outlet to express themselves and show the world they are more than just academic students, and that each child is an individual whose ideas and dreams should be recognized and can be achieved.”

Forest Avenue Academic Magnet Elementary PTA, Alabama

“I participated in Reflections as a kid and I love that it gives recognition for kids whose talents extend beyond athletics.”

South West Middle School PTA, South Dakota

“Our students have loved the Reflections program for the past several years. They enjoy working on something that is outside of our normal regular academics and focusing on the Arts. It celebrates another aspect of our students’ educational background and strengths.”

Bernice Young Elementary, Arkansas

Register and learn more at PTA.org/Reflections.

Questions? Email Reflections@PTA.org.

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