



## 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.

Despite the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on schools nationwide, the 2020-2021 *I Matter Because...* Reflections program was a great success. Thanks to the incredible leadership of Reflections Chairs across the country, nearly 900 student works of art from 44 states progressed to the national level for review. After two rounds of review by arts professionals, over 200 students from 38 states received a national level award.

## National PTA Outstanding Interpretation Winners

**Mark Wagner**  
Special Artist Division—  
Dance Choreography,  
Dana Hills High School PTSA,  
California

**Maeryn Elizabeth Jacob**  
Middle School Division—  
Photography, Lawton Chiles  
Middle School PTSA, Florida

**Sydney Ware**  
High School Division—  
Dance Choreography, Dekalb  
School of the Arts PTSA,  
Georgia

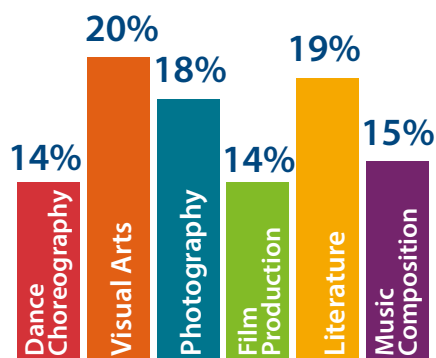
**Zoe Carballo**  
Middle School Division—  
Film Production, Green  
Township PTA, New Jersey

**Joshua Johnson**  
Middle School Division—  
Literature, Bennion Jr. High  
PTSA, Utah

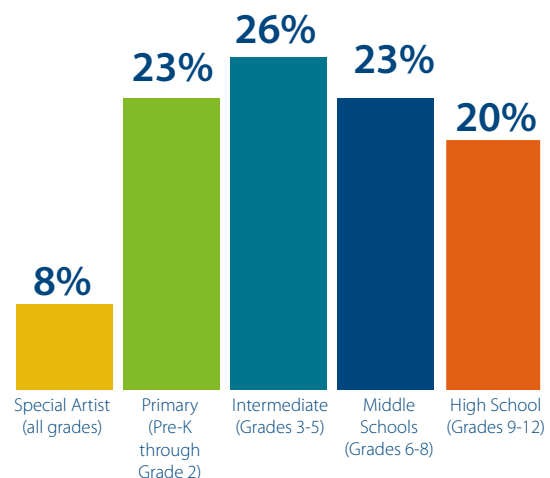
**Claire Moon**  
Middle School Division—  
Visual Arts, Rachel Carson  
Middle School PTA, Virginia

**Johan Novak**  
Middle School Division—  
Music Composition, Odle  
Middle School PTSA, Washington

National-Level Submissions by Arts Category



National-Level Submissions by Division



## Registration Data

\*Each year, we invite PTAs of all levels to register for Reflections to demonstrate the wide reach and impact of the program. Please note, this data provides just a snapshot of the total program participants across the nation.

### 49 States Participating in Reflections Across all PTA Levels

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

**54%** Utah  
of state membership

**44%** Wyoming  
of state membership

**38%** Europe\*  
of state membership

**31%** Michigan  
of state membership

**29%** Washington  
of state membership

\*The European PTA supports Department of Defense schools overseas.

### 37% Local PTA Participation in Title 1 Schools

School Size Breakdown of Registered Local PTAs

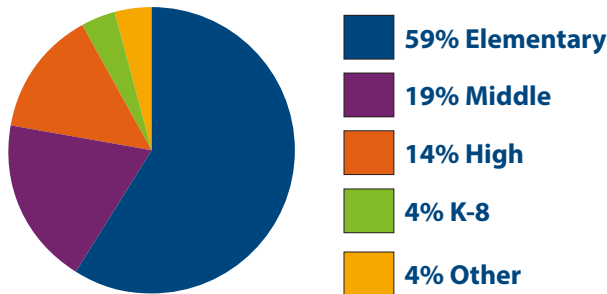
**28%** Small (<500 Students)

**49%** Medium (500-999 Students)

**23%** Large (>1,000 Students)

### 11% Local PTAs Participating for the First Time

School Grade Level Breakdown of Registered Local PTAs



### How Registered Local PTAs Discovered the Reflections Program

**41%** Other Local PTA Leaders

**20%** Region PTA

**12%** State PTA

**10%** School Staff

**9%** National PTA

**7%** Other

**1%** Media



**Dance Choreography**



**Music Composition**



**Film Production**



**Literature**



**Photography**



**Visual Arts**

## Testimonials from Local PTAs

"The Reflections program is my favorite PTA program. I love that it gives students a chance to create and express themselves in a positive way."

**–West Point Jr. High PTSA, Utah**

"Art in any form is a means for children to express themselves, which has never been more important as it is today, considering all the things our country and world are experiencing."

**–California Elementary School PTA, California**

"I believe that the arts are a vital part of education, and that with the mental health concerns brought on by COVID-19, the freedom of expression offered by the Reflections program is more important than ever before."

**–Yorktown Elementary Magnet School PTA, Virginia**

Register and learn more at [PTA.org/Reflections](https://PTA.org/Reflections).

Questions? Email [Reflections@PTA.org](mailto:Reflections@PTA.org).



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