

# REFLECTIONS PROGRAM

Deadline: January 19, 2025

Winners Announced: March 3, 2025

National PTA has a long-standing commitment to arts education. The Reflections program provides opportunities for recognition and access to the arts, which boosts student confidence and success in the arts and in life. Each year, over 300,000 students in Pre-K through Grade 12 create original works of art. This 50+ year old program helps them explore their own thoughts, feelings, and ideas, develop artistic literacy, increase confidence, and find a love for learning that will help them become more successful. The 2024–25 Reflections theme is *Accepting Imperfection*, a theme that “allows students room to show vulnerability, a willingness to address failure and move on, promotes empathy and a pro-mental health mindset.”

Local PTA Units first register their unit at [LouisianaPTA.org/reflections](https://LouisianaPTA.org/reflections). The PTA chooses which of the six art categories their students will compete in. Students submit their completed works in one or all of the available categories: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts.

Students must participate in their Grade Category: Primary (Pre-K - Grade 2), Intermediate (Grades 3-5), Middle School (Grades 6-8), High School (Grades 9-12), or Accessible Arts (students of all ages with an ADA Section 504). Students with the ADA Section 504 may enter in the Accessible Arts Division or the grade division most closely aligned to their functional abilities.

The Local PTA Unit submits their winners to LAPTA by January 19, 2025. Please set your deadlines earlier to give yourself enough time to pick your winners. All winners are submitted through an online portal. Local Units must have Active Affiliation for their students to participate.

## Reflections Guidelines and Deadlines

- Local PTA Units first [pre-register with National PTA](#) to provide National PTA information on the number of Local PTA Units planning to participate.
- **REQUIRED:** Go to [LouisianaPTA.org/reflections](https://LouisianaPTA.org/reflections) to register with LAPTA and for all details, support documentation, and links.
- The Student Entry Portal link will be shared in the fall. This is the platform LAPTA uses to accept entries.
- Zoom training and written guidance will be provided by LAPTA.
- LAPTA accepts entries in all six Arts Categories. The Local PTA Unit can decide which Arts Categories their students can enter.
- Eligible Local PTA Units can submit three entries from each Arts Category per Grade Category to LAPTA for judging at the state level. If your school has more than one Grade Category, you may submit three entries for each Grade Category. The Grade Categories are Primary (Pre-K to Grade 2), Intermediate (Grades 3-5), Middle School (Grades 6-8), High School (Grades 9-12), and Accessible Arts (all students with an ADA Section 504).
- **ENTRY DEADLINE to LAPTA is January 19, 2025**, through the online Student Entry Portal.
- There will be six LAPTA state winners per Grade Category per Arts Category announced on **March 3, 2025**. LAPTA will celebrate the winners in April 2025!
- All information and forms are available at [LouisianaPTA.org/reflections](https://LouisianaPTA.org/reflections).
- Questions? Email [Arts@LouisianaPTA.org](mailto:Arts@LouisianaPTA.org).