



2020-21 NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS PROGRAM

Founded in 1969, Reflections engages students and their families in arts education activities each year by encouraging students to explore the arts for fun and recognition. Each year, over 300,000 students in Pre-K through Grade 12 create original works of art in response to a student-selected theme. 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 in school and in life. For inspiration, watch last year's [virtual exhibit](#) showcasing the National Reflections awardees and visit the Reflections [website](#).

2020-21 Reflections Theme

The theme for the 2020-2021 program is **I Matter Because....** which is very relevant and meaningful especially this year. If you are interested in learning about the theme and how it was selected, please watch the [National PTA President-Elect's message](#).

Reflections Art Categories And Submission Requirements

Submit an original artwork on this theme (I Matter Because....) in the following arts categories and review the submission requirements mentioned below. If your child wishes to participate in more than one category, you will need to complete a separate entry form per category.

- **Dance Choreography**

Solo and ensemble works of all dance styles are accepted. Entrants must be the choreographer and may also be the performer, or one of the performers. If background music is used, cite it on the entry form.

VIDEO Requirements: Upload AVI or MP4 file. Video must not exceed 5 minutes in length and 1 GB in file size.

- **Film Production**

Accepted short film styles include: Animation, narrative, documentary, experimental or media presentation. Entrants must be the screenwriter, cinematographer, editor and producer. If background music is used, cite it on the entry form.

VIDEO Requirements: Upload AVI or MP4 file. Video must not exceed 5 minutes in length and 1 GB in file size.



- **Literature**

Accepted forms of fiction and nonfiction include: Prose, poetry, reflective essay, screenplay and play script, narrative, and short story. Entrants may write in their primary language as long as an interpretive English translation is also attached. Use of copyrighted material is prohibited.

Literature Requirements: Must not exceed 2,000 words. May be handwritten or typed. PDF file.

- **Music Composition**

All music styles and combinations of instrumentation are accepted. Entrants must be the composer and may also be the performer, or one of the performers. Use of copyrighted material is prohibited.

Music Requirements: Upload MP3 or WAV file. Audio recording must not exceed 5 minutes in length and 1 GB in file size. Notation must be included for middle and high school submissions. Lyrics for songs are highly encouraged to be included for all divisions.

- **Photography**

Photo must be a single print/digital image. Collages and collections of photos are not accepted. Entrants must be the photographer and may use a variety of digital editing techniques including but not limited to, multiple exposure, negative sandwich and photogram.

Photography Requirements: Digital image dimensions must be at least 640x960 (pixels) and 300 dpi (resolution). Accepted file formats: JPEG, JPG, GIF, PNG.

- **Visual Arts**

Works of both fine and design arts are accepted, including but not limited to: Architectural drawing and models, ceramics, collage, computer generated images and graphics, crafts, drawing, fashion clothes and jewelry, fiber work, mixed media, painting, printmaking and sculpture.

Visual Arts Requirements: Upload photo of artwork. For 3D artwork upload 3 photos of the entry.

- **Special Artist Division**

This Special Artist Division welcomes students from all grades and offers non-artistic accommodations for students to participate fully in PTA Reflections. Student recognition and awards are announced as part of the Special Artist Division.



ACCOMODATIONS: Non-artistic accommodations (e.g. adaptive technology; transcribing; holding a camera) Assistants must refrain from being involved in the artistic process (e.g. developing an artist statement, choreography, music lyrics, storyboards, etc.) *Students who identify as having a disability and may receive services under IDEA or ADA: Section 504 may enter in the Special Artist Division OR grade division most closely aligned to their functional abilities.*

Entry Form and Submission Deadline

Please click on this link - <https://forms.gle/RMaWgdUJGbiVKIXg8> and complete the entry form. Towards the end of the form, you will be asked to upload a digital copy of the artwork and include a statement from the artist (10 to 100 words). The last date for submission of the entry form and the artwork is **Sunday, October 25, 2020.**

Grade Divisions

Select one of the below grade divisions for your child, depending on the grade they are in, when you complete the Reflections entry form.

- Primary (This will be Kindergarten to Grade 2 for JFS students)
- Intermediate (This will be Grades 3 to 5 for JFS students)
- Middle School (This will be Grade 6 for JFS students)

Timeline and Reflections Process

- October 2020
 - Reflections entries open for submission for JFS students.
 - **October 25th will be the last date to submit the artwork.**
 - JFS students' entries will be judged and winners per category per division will be selected.
- November 2020
 - Winning entries from the first round will be sent to the Evergreen Council for the next round of judging.
 - Artwork submitted by the school PTAs within the Evergreen district will be judged at the Council level and winners will be announced.
- December 2020
 - Winning entries from the Evergreen Council will be sent to the 6th District for the next round of judging.
 - Artwork submitted by the Councils within the 6th District will be judged at the district level and winners will be announced.



- January 2021
 - Winning entries from the 6th District will be sent to the California State PTA for the next round of judging.
- TBD 2021
 - Artwork submitted by the different districts within California state will be judged at the state level and winners will be announced.
 - Winning entries from the California state will be sent to the National PTA for the final round of judging.
 - Artwork submitted by the different state PTAs within the country will be judged at the national level and final winners will be announced.

For any questions related to the Reflections program, please contact Miloni Shah at jfspta2220@gmail.com or 408-507-2185.