

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: October 30, 2026

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Lowe IS registered for this program. Please email the school chair with any questions.

***Entry form: MUST BE COMPLETED WITH EACH CHILD'S ENTRY. Please upload artwork at the link below. In addition to uploading your work, Photography and Visual Arts participants will dropoff artwork to your classroom teacher by Friday, October 30th, 2026.**

LOWE REFLECTIONS STUDENT ENTRY FORM:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf5G3FjnbJbxK3TsPSSUmBE6SJuEZITG7iHUHh2KkjZ8fFf7Q/viewform

(See below for additional information on uploading art)

This year Lowe will be participating as a full school activity the last week of October. Get started now thinking about what your culture means and how you can express that through one of the categories below! Students can win recognition, prizes, and even scholarships!



Dance Choreography



Literature



Film Production



Photography



Music Composition



Visual Arts



Accessible Arts Division

Accessible Arts is a an optional participation pathway for students who identify as having a disability and may receive services under IDEA or ADA Section 504. Accessible Arts offers division-specific accommodations to ensure that every student has the chance to participate fully in the program.

Submission details: all submissions are individual. You may have different subjects or performers but the art must be one student's original creation to submit for competition.

Title of Artwork (Required for all entries; please do not repeat the theme as your title)

Artist Statement (Required for all entries)
In 10 to 100 words, describe your work and how it relates to the theme. Please do not repeat the artist statement for multiple entries. Recommendation: use a word processing program like Word or Docs for spelling, grammar, and word count check.

Visual Arts

Dimensions 2D artwork should not exceed 24x16 inches, 3D artwork should not exceed 12x12x12 inches.

Artwork images must exceed 640x960 pixels. Scanned artwork files are preferred over a photo of the artwork.

Film-

Name all performers. No other assistance is permitted in any part of the creation of the entry.

Photography

Artwork should be file from the digital camera or editing software. If taken with film, a scan of the photograph will be accepted. **Do not submit a picture of the photograph.** Matting should not be included with the entry.

Uploading Art

1. File Format Requirements
    - **Accepted Formats: JPEG, JPG, or PNG**.
    - **Resolution/Quality:** Must be high-resolution (National PTA guidelines suggest at least 300 DPI / minimum 640x960 pixels).
    - **File Size:** Typically **under 3 MB**depending on your local PTA portal.

2. How People Capture Large Poster Boards

Since standard scanners cannot fit a full-size poster board, parents and students use the following approach:

- **Use a Phone or Camera (High-Resolution Capture):**

  Set the poster flat on the floor or lean it against a wall in a well-lit room with natural, even daylight (avoid direct sunlight, harsh glares, or standard overhead indoor lights that cast shadows). Stand directly in front of or directly over the artwork so the camera lens is completely parallel to the board, preventing angle distortion.
- **Use a Mobile Scanner App:**

  You can use phone scanning apps like **Adobe Scan**, **Apple Notes (Scan Document feature)**, **CamScanner**, or **Google Drive Scan**. These apps auto-crop the edges and flatten perspective distortions—just ensure you export the final file as a **JPG/JPEG or PNG** (not a PDF, as visual arts categories typically require image files rather than PDFs).
- **Crop and Clean:**

Crop out any background (floors, carpet, walls, or tabletop) so **only the artwork/poster board is visible in the frame**.

3. Why Did They Say "No Pictures"?

The "no pictures" rule almost always refers to:

1. **Literature/Music Scores:** Rules strictly forbid taking a smartphone photo of a written page instead of turning in a clean PDF scan.
2. **Glare or Angles on Visual Art:**They do not want casual "snapshots" angled on a table, pictures of the student holding the art, or photos with shadows/glare that prevent proper judging.

Reflections: Art catagories, divisions, and theme
https://www.pta.org/home/programs/reflections#:~:text=Connect%20and%20Create%20with%20Your%20State%20PTA

Students and Families - information for creating an entry:
https://www.pta.org/home/programs/reflections/for-students-and-families#create

Recognition and Celebration for participants: Lowe- November TBD
(School applicants that are chosen will be submitted to next level according to guidelines. Award information- https://www.pta.org/home/programs/reflections/awards

Reflections Promo:
https://youtube.com/shorts/j5MXcj0BD70?si=GL-envyMVYSlSkw9

Good luck!

Reviewer Packet:
https://www.pta.org/docs/default-source/files/programs/reflections/_evergreen-program-materials/local-leader-resources/reflections-reviewer-packet_eng7d4764f1aa3e63899f67ff00009b2bd9.pdf