



Reflections Program :: Submission Deadline Date - Oct 15, 2025



REFLECTIONS :: VISUAL ART

Arts Category Guidelines | Visual Arts

VISUAL ARTS include many art forms that are visual in nature. The artist (student submitting entry) is a person who captures their own thoughts and ideas to create a visual piece of art.

Accepted forms of visual art include:

Drawings / Illustrations / sketches with use of **Colored Pencils**

Whether an entry displays use of formal technique or a simple approach, judgement is primarily done on how well the student uses their artistic vision to portray the theme, originality and creativity. Consider art form, use of color, texture, shape, proportion etc. to show a clear relation to the theme.

Copyright: Plagiarized entries will be disqualified. Use of copyrighted material, including any copyrighted cartoon characters, material downloaded from the internet, copyrighted photographs or stock images, is not acceptable, except for the following:

Entries may include reference to public places, well-known products, trademarks or certain other copyrighted material as long as that copyrighted material is incidental to the subject matter of the piece and/or is a smaller element of a whole. The resulting work cannot try to establish an association between the student and the trademark/business/material, influence the purchase/non-purchase of the trademarked good.

Submission Requirements

- Only ORIGINAL new pieces of artwork inspired by the theme may be submitted.
- Each entry must be the original work of **a single** student only.
- An adult may not alter the creative integrity of a student's work.
- Dimensions must not exceed 24x30 inches, including matting. Paper entries must be mounted on sturdy material. Framed artwork is not accepted.
- Each student needs to fill the Virtual Student Entry Form for submission of their artwork.
- Students are required to submit their physical art at school and their Virtual Student Entry Form must include at least one digital image of artwork for judging.
- Accepted file formats: JPEG, JPG, PNG.
- All files attached in Virtual Student Entry form must be labeled with State, Arts Category, Grade Division, Last Name, First Name
- **Entries will be disqualified if you add the artist's name in front of the artwork or include it in the artist statement.**
- Any student information goes only on the back of artwork
- Each entry must contain a title. (should mentioned only on Virtual Student Entry form NOT on artwork)
- Each entry must include an artist statement. (should mentioned only on Virtual Student Entry form NOT on artwork)
The artist statement communicates what inspired the work, how it relates to the theme, and the content of the work. The statement must include a minimum of 10 words but may not exceed 100 words.

Submit artwork and student entry form according to your PTA's instructions.
All participants must also follow the official rules for participation.

Contact MattosPTA for further Queries - Reflections@mabelmattospta.org