Reflections 301

Introduction

“What’s Your Story?”

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National PTA Reflections Arts Recognition Program

- “Reflections” was started in 1969 by Mary Lou Anderson, then Colorado State PTA President.

- >10 million student participants Pre-K to 12th Grade.

- Not a contest, but a program.

- 2016-17 Theme: “What’s Your Story”

- 6 Art Areas: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, and Visual Arts, 2D AND 3D!
Benefits of Participation:

• Students are inspired to Unleash Creative talents!
• Students Express Themselves imaginatively with artwork.
• Students Experience Joy of creating.
• Students Tap into Critical Thinking Skills to create, inspired by the annual theme “What’s Your Story?” (Common Core Standards).
• Students Receive Positive Recognition for original creativity (Local to State to National Levels).
Start With The Basic Steps:
Be a Unit in Good Standing

- Local PTA units must be in “good standing” in order to fully participate in all PTA programs, including Reflections.
- Next slide lists what “good standing” means.
A PTA Unit is “in good standing” if it:

• Adheres to **Purposes and Basic Policies** of PTA;
• Remits **National and State Dues** to **MO PTA** by 1st of each month

• Has **Bylaws approved** every 3 years according to the procedures of **MO PTA**

• **Submits copy** of Unit’s Fiscal Year End Report to the **MO PTA** by **December 1st**

• **Submits copy** of the unit’s annual financial review (formerly known as the audit) to the **MO PTA** by **December 1st**

• **Submits copy** of the required IRS Tax Form to **MO PTA** by **December 1st**

• **Submits Names and Addresses** of officers to the **MO PTA** by **March 31st**
The “ing” Phases of a Reflections Program

1. Planning: Do first:

2. Promoting: Tell everyone about Reflections!


4. Judging and winning at Council level

5. Uploading

Local Unit Uploads Artwork directly to National PTA (only top 3 per category and age group)
More **INGs** of reflections Program

6. State Judging

- State PTA downloads entry from National PTA site and send to State Judges

7. State Winning and Celebrating

- 1st Place-5th Place get medals, and 6 Honorable Mention Entries in each Category and age Division are honored on stage at State Reflections Showcase

8. National Winning And celebrating!

- 1st Place in State in Each Category are sent on to National PTA Reflections competition

Could win 1st Place National! Be On Display at National Art Gallery!!
Reflections Planning Phase

Form a committee:
Don’t be a “Lone Ranger”; get people to help through the whole process

Be informed:
Use State, National Resources “Tool Kits” available at both levels, many templates already created

Make a Time Line:
Map out the process, step by step to meet deadlines.

Enlist Art Judges:
Choose them early so they can plan their calendar.
Reflections **Promoting Phase**
**“The Kick Off”**

- Customizable resources
- Back to School Activities
- “Arts in Education Week”
- Local Media
- School Media
- Social Media
- PTA Meeting
- Arts Organizations In/Out of school
• Be completed by student/parent

• Enter information online for entries advancing to **State Round**

• Incomplete **Required Areas** will not “upload”
Reflections Participant Packet contains the following:

1. Student Entry Form
2. General Participation Rules
3. Art Category Specific Rules: be sure to note those and follow carefully!
4. Special Artists Information, if applicable

Make sure your local deadline information is included in this packet – (ie. When & Where)
Reflections Grade Divisions

• PRIMARY (Pre-K to 2\textsuperscript{nd} Grade)

• INTERMEDIATE (3\textsuperscript{rd}-5\textsuperscript{th} Grade)

• MIDDLE SCHOOL (6\textsuperscript{th}-8\textsuperscript{th} Grade)

• HIGH SCHOOL (9\textsuperscript{th}-12\textsuperscript{th} Grade)

• SPECIAL ARTIST (Pre-K to 12\textsuperscript{th} Grade)
Reflections Special Artist Division

**Traditional Grade Division:**
- Grade Division that most closely aligns to functional abilities.
- Recognized without regard to special need or challenge.

**Special Artist Division:**
- Non-graded (i.e. PK-2)
- Meets A.D.A.A. guidelines.
- Can receive non-artistic accommodation and assistance.
3. **Reflections** Informing Phase

1. Locate “Call for Entries” Form in 2016-17 “Tool Kit” found on mopta website

2. Customize template to your Unit

3. Distribute information to Your Students

3. Enlist your local teachers to help increase participation.
1. Get Teachers Onboard!

- This topic: “What’s Your Story?” could satisfy a numbered section in several of the Common Core Curriculum teaching categories.
- To increase participation inside your Unit and Council enlist the help of your teachers.
- Teachers could assign the project, grade it, and then send it to the competition in your local PTA to be judged for Reflections Project.
2. Get Teachers Onboard!

• Just think of the possibilities, and the amount of participation that you could gain from your local schools for the Unit Reflections Project!

• One school last year had over 100 entries from the school art teacher, both graded by her, and then entered into the Reflections Project. That school did have a 1st place winner that was sent to nationals this year!
3. Get Teachers on Board!

— “What’s Your Story?” could be a **English writing prompt**. Students could write and illustrate an entire biographical book of their families.

— Students could write about their family of the future; what they want to be when they grow up, and where they will live. Students could film the story of family members from multiple generations. Talk to the **English teacher**.
4. Get Teachers on Board!

— Could be an **Art Project**. Could be a diorama 3-D project. Could be an acrylic painting, or a watercolor, clay project, or paper mache’. Could be Claymation filmed. Talk to your **Art Teacher**.

— Could be a **Song that is written**. Your family may have traditional folk songs that could be created using your family tree. Talk to your **Music Teacher**.
5. Get Teachers Onboard!

- Could be a *Science project* giving the story by mapping the human genome and locating points of origin of your family. Graded in Science, and entered into the PTA reflections project. Talk to your *Science Teacher*.

- Could be a *Dance Choreographed for a unit in the PE Class*. Talk to your *Physical Education Teacher*.
Reflections Program Resources

• National PTA Webinars and training at pta.org which changes all of the time; keep checking for more additions.

• Missouri PTA Reflections “Tool Kit” on mopta.org

• Email further questions to State Chair at reflections@mopta.org
National PTA Reflections®
Webinar Training

• Schedule and Registration Links — website, leaders guide.

• Live sessions & recorded trainings

• Reflections 101: Introduces general program information, share ideas, and offer recommendations on how to implement PTA Reflections in your school and beyond. If you can’t join us live, visit our digital Toolkit to view a recording.

• Instructions for Reflections Online Registration:
  
  Guides Local PTA Units on how to:

  • Create an Account
  • Submit your PTA Registration Form
  • Submit Student Entry Forms
  • Review & send Entries to the State Round (via National)
Finding the Missouri PTA Reflections Tool Kit

Visit mopta.org
1. Click on “Programs and Services” drop down.

2. Click on “Reflections/Awards”

3. Click on 2016-2017 Reflections “Tool Kit”

2016-2017 Reflections Toolkit Contains

• Missouri PTA Reflections Local Leaders Guide
• 2017-2018 Theme Search Entry Form
• Student Entry Form
• National PTA Reflections General Participation Rules
• Art Category Specific Rules
• Flyers in English & Spanish
• Information for Judges & Sample Score Card
• Certificate of Recognition Template
• PTA Unit in Good Standing Requirements
• Guide for Online Portals

….And Much More!
Then, Let the Creativity Begin!

ART CATEGORIES:

- Dance Choreography
- Film Production
- Literature
- Music Composition
- Photography
- Visual Arts
Missouri Deadline for advancing artwork to the State Round of judging (via National PTA website) is:

Saturday, December 17, 2016

Our earlier deadline has great advantages:

- Holidays and No School Days
- Time for Preparing Artwork for Uploading and Advancing
- Time for judging to take place (we had nearly 1000 entries last year!)
- The “Life” factor padding  (things happen to all of us)

Hint: Think of it in reverse order to determine your Unit deadline
Deadline Reminders

Reflections Deadline Reminders Can Go On:

• Morning Announcements
• School Website
• Bulletin Boards
• Social Media (Twitter, Facebook..etc.)
• Postcards
Collecting Reflections

Artwork Uploads at Unit Level:

Preliminary Screening of Student Art Work Check for:

1. Completed Student Entry Form

2. General Participation Rules have been Followed

3. Art Category Rules have been followed
   » Correct dimensions
   » Correct format
Ideas for Locating Reflections Judges

- Local Professionals of Specific Art Categories
- Retired Teachers
- College Professors
- Parent Volunteers
4. **Reflections** Judging Phase

- Use a **Rubric**
- **Give them Category Rules** for reference
- **Make Clear placing**
- **Need Deadlines to return scores**
Reflections Uploading Phase (in brief)

• 3 Entries per Division per Art Category
• Entries are submitted online only on the National PTA website pta.org
• Follow instructions on the Guide for Online Portals (found with tool kit resources) (from there State downloads entries to judge)
• Remember!!

Deadline to upload is December 17, 2016
3 Stages of Recognition:

Reflections Arts Program of National PTA

1. **Local Unit Winner Awards**
   (3 from each category and age group sent to state level competition)

2. **MO PTA (State) Level Awards**
   “Reflections Showcase” in Spring 2017
   (1st-5th Medals, and 6 Honorable Mention each category and age group)

3. **National Recognition Awards**
   1st place state winners from each category and age group sent to National PTA Competition 2017
1. Local Unit Recognition

- Local School PTA Unit holds it own recognition program.

- Local School PTA Unit Advances no more than 3 entries per division per category online to pta.org, the National PTA website for the State to download from.
2. **MO PTA State Recognition**

1. **1st thru 5th place** Medals **6 Honorable Mention Ribbons**
   
   A. Award Winners announced in March.
   
   B. Unit Presidents and Reflections chairs are notified by email. Winner’s list is also posted on the [mopta](#) website

   C. Students receive special invitation to Reflections Student Showcase in Spring 2017. Details will be announced.

   D. **1st Place award recipients** in each category and grade division advance to National Competition.
SPECIAL TREAT: COMING NEXT

All the State winners from the photography and the visual arts winners at the state level in 2015-2016!
2016 State 1st Place
Special Artist
Pre-K to 12th Grade
Visual Arts
Mercedes Mesias
Belton Middle School
Belton
2016 State 1st Place (Pre K-2nd grade)
Visual Arts
Gia Mussorici
Belle Prairie Elementary
North KC
2016 State 1st Place
(Pre K-2nd grade)
Photography
Ian Stewart
Mason Elementary
Lee’s Summit
2016 State 1st Place (3rd-5th grade)
Photography
Jonas Moore
Daniel Young Elementary
Blue Springs
2016 State 1st Place
(6th-8th grade)
Visual Arts
Georgia Barge
Liberty
2016 State 1st Place (6th-8th grade) Photography
Jaelyn Bray
Delta Woods Middle Blue Springs
2016 State 1st Place
(9th-12th grade)
Photography
Christopher Mitchell
Greenwood Laboratory School
Springfield
2016 State 1st Place (9th-12th grade)
Visual Arts
Tinlley Howes
Springfield
AND: All 23 of the Missouri State Reflections 1st Place winners have now been submitted to the National PTA Competition

Winners will be announced in May 2016!
On the National Level Winners
Receive:

*Outstanding Interpretation Awards* – 7 winners awarded this

*Awards of Excellence* – 3 awarded per Division per each Arts Area

*Awards of Merit* – Up to 5 Awards per Division per each Art Area

*Honorable Mention* - All Remaining Students Reaching National Level receive Honorable Mention certificates

Missouri does very well the National Level every year!
Celebrate it ALL!

- Participation
- Achievement
- Recognition
- Parent Engagement
- Community Involvement
Where to View Award Winning Artwork:

**National Winners at:**
- [pta.org](http://pta.org)
  - Programs tab
  - Reflections/awards

**State Winners at:**
- [mopta.org](http://mopta.org)
  - Programs tab
  - Reflections/awards

- National Gallery of Art Exhibition Hall
To Enter the 2018-2019 National PTA Reflections Theme Search

- Use form in Local Leader’s Guide
- Submit form to MO PTA by midnight, October 31, 2016
- MO PTA selects 5 to advance to National PTA

- The winning student entry selected by National PTA will receive $100, and his/her theme will be presented at the Annual National PTA Convention and then be announced to all of the state PTAs.

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- 2016-2017 Theme: “What’s Your Story?” Theme was chosen and announced March 2015.
Reflections 2017-2018 Theme Search Form

Form available at www.mopta.org

Fill in your unit’s information & copy

Distribute form to your students

Forward completed forms MO PTA by 10/31

Must have student/parent signatures
THANK YOU