

PTA Reflections Chair Theme Search Information Packet



The search is on for a future Reflections theme! National PTA's Reflections program has helped students 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.

Each year, over 300,000 students in Pre-K through Grade 12 create original works of art in response to a student-selected theme. In response to this theme, students create works of art in one or all the available arts categories: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts.

Invite your students to help us pick the theme idea that will spark fun and creativity during a future National PTA Reflections program year! We're looking for the most original theme ideas. This means past themes and duplicate submissions will not be considered. Check out the list of past Reflections Themes. The student who submits the National winning entry will receive \$100 prize from National PTA.

Steps/Hints to participate:

- Units may submit an unlimited number Theme Search entries to Missouri PTA for consideration. Each submission must be on a completed Theme Search form and emailed to reflections@mopta.org no later than **November 15, 2023**.
- Units must be in good standing to participate. Good standing requirements are listed on the Theme Search Form.
- Complete the Theme Search Entry form with your unit's information/contact details before copying/distributing to students.
- Establish your Theme Search deadline to allow time for submitting to Missouri PTA by **November 15, 2023**. Be sure to promote this deadline as well as how/where entries are submitted to your students – even add it to the entry form.
- Provide the students with the list of prior themes to avoid duplication. To save paper, copy it to the back of the entry form.
- If your unit is on social media feel free to use the images provided to help promote the theme search contest.
- Feel free to contact the State Reflections Chair at reflections@mopta.org with any questions or concerns and ideas. We are here to help and would love to hear from you!

Theme Search Judging Instructions

One child's theme search submission will be chosen to inspire the creativity and imagination of thousands of students across the country and in U.S. schools overseas.

Only five Missouri finalists will be chosen to advance to the national round and one national winner will be selected by National PTA. The winner's theme will be used the year after next (i.e., the theme is chosen two years in advance).

The following considerations and scale are used when scoring theme submissions.

Considerations:

- Theme is **unique**, inspiring and unlike past program themes.
- Theme is **focused** without being too narrow or too broad.
- Theme is **clear**, concise and appropriate for all grade levels.
- Theme is **applicable** to all arts categories.
- Theme **promotes PTA values**.
- Theme is **relevant in 2 years**.
- Past themes and duplicate entries are not considered.

Score Range:

- 10 pts Exceptional Theme
- 8 pts Strong Theme
- 6 pts Appropriate Theme
- 4 pts Weak/Basic Theme
- 2 pts Less Appropriate Theme
- 0 pts Disqualified