



## National PTA Reflections® Program Literature Rules



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*All participants must also follow General Rules for Participation. All students must complete a student entry form for tracking purposes. Only students that advance to the next round will be asked to complete an online student entry form.*

### **Description:**

Literature entries may be a work of fiction or nonfiction. Prose, poetry, and drama are all accepted. The entry must relate to the current National PTA Reflections® Program theme. Whether an entry uses a variety of techniques or a simple approach, it will be judged primarily on how well the student uses his or her artistic vision to portray the theme.

### **Presentation:**

- Entries must not exceed 2,000 words.
- Entries may be handwritten or typed.
- Entries may include multiple pages although should not have text on both sides of the page.
- Number and write the student's name on the back of each page in case pages become separated.
- Include the required title and artist statement on the Student Entry Form.
- Illustrated entries, including "books," with pictures drawn by the student are acceptable; however, only literary content is judged.
- Collections of poems or short stories are not accepted. Each one must be submitted separately.
- Entries are to reflect grade-appropriate grammar, punctuation, and spelling.

### **Format**

- Submit entries on any kind of paper, not to exceed 8 ½ inches by 11 inches in size.
- Include the original and two copies of the entry in a manila file folder with the Student Entry Form stapled to the back of the folder.
- Do not mount the entries.

### **Dictation and Typing:**

- Students may have their entries typed by another person as long as the original work or a copy of the original work is attached.
- Students in pre-school, kindergarten or 1st grade may dictate to another person who may print or type exact words as spoken by the student.
- Transcribers should make every attempt to retain the same level of language and accuracy that is reflected in the student's original work.

### **Translation:**

- Students for whom English is not their first language may submit literature entries in their own language.  
**An interpretive translation in English must accompany the entry.**
- Translators should make every attempt to retain the same level of language and accuracy that is reflected in the student's original work.