

Reflections Arts Program

2022-2023



Theme



Six (6) Arts Categories



Photography



Dance
Choreography



Film
Production



Literature



Music
Composition



Visual Arts(2D)



Three (3)
Competition
Divisions

K-G2
G3- G5
Special Artist

Timeline



School Entry
Due Date:

Nov. 4th



School Winners
Announced:

Week of Nov 13th



Recognition
Reception:

TBD



Winning Entries turned in to
LWPTSA Council Level:

Nov. 16th



Council Winners
Announced:

January 5th



How to Submit

Step 1:

- Fill out application form at <https://forms.gle/ChFTJkBtBMSCn16c9>

Step 2:

Turn in the following categories to the Reflections box (TBD, school building)

1. Visual Arts

Email files (not links) of the following categories to reflections@meadpts.org*

1. Dance

2. Music composition

3. Film Production

4. Photography

5. Literature

****If file is too large to email, submit the file in a **thumb drive** in the Reflections box. **Student name** should be **on the drive**.***

Judging Criteria-Part I



During the evaluation process, judges will consider the following criteria:

1. **Interpretation:** How closely the piece relates to the theme, based on the work itself and the artist statement.
2. **Creativity:** How creative and original the piece is in its conception of the theme and its presentation.
3. **Technique:** The level of skill demonstrated in the basic principles/techniques of the arts area.

Judging Criteria Part II



Judges strongly consider the interpretation of **the Reflections theme** during the evaluation process.

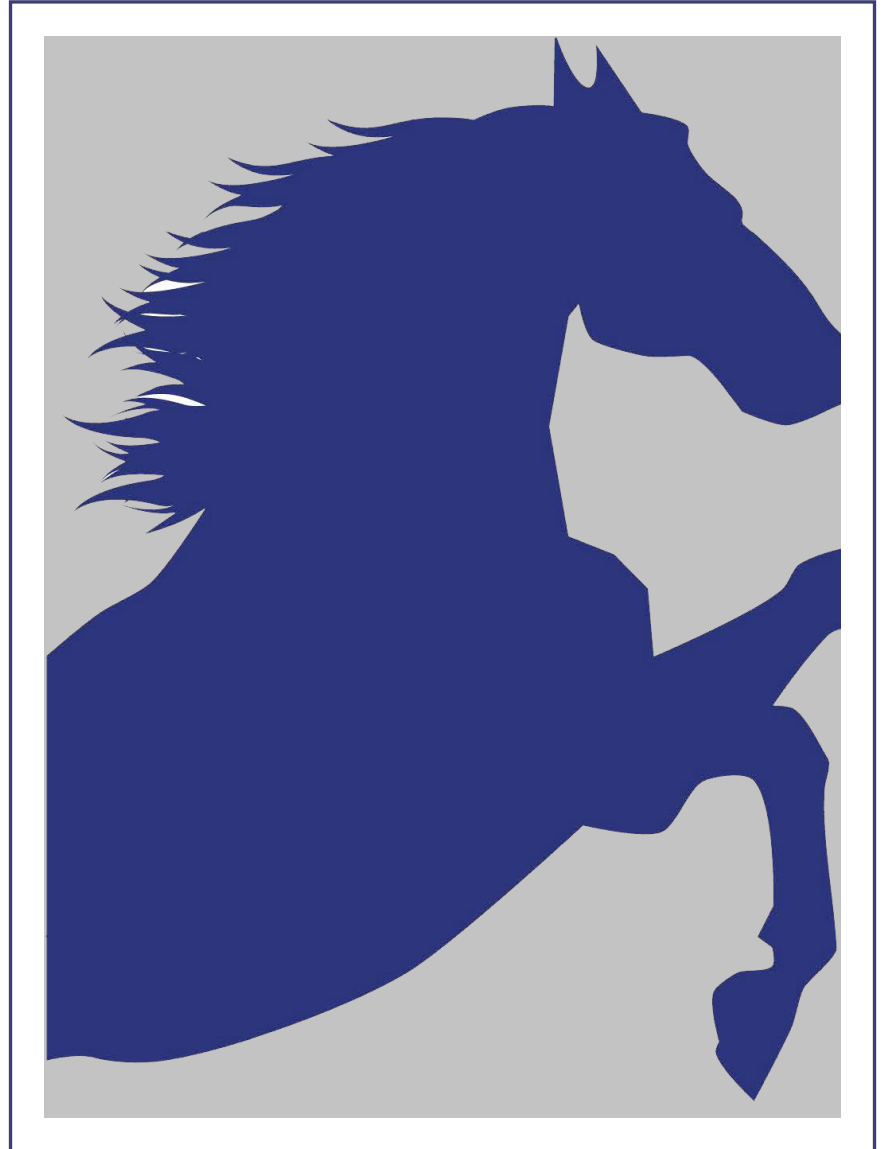
It is suggested that students **give their submissions a title** that stands out and describes how the piece relates to the student's personal interpretation of the theme.

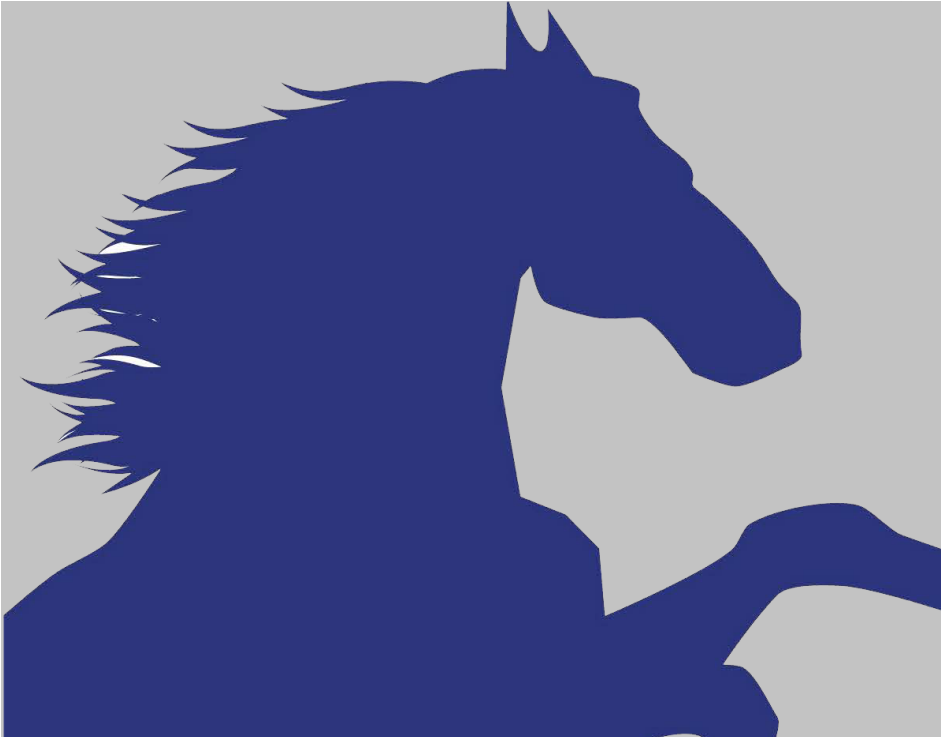
The following **guiding questions** can be useful when developing a title and artist statement:

1. How does your work **relate to the theme**?
2. What is your **personal connection** to the theme?
3. What did you use to create your work (e.g., supplies, technology, instrumentation, props, etc.)?
4. What/who was your **inspiration**?

Tips for Success

1. Make sure to **read the rules** of your chosen category(ies). Click the link: [Reflections 2022 \(meadptsa.org\)](https://meadptsa.org/Reflections2022)
2. For emailed entries, make sure that they **meet the specifications** outlined in the guidelines
3. Focus on the **theme** interpretation write-up. This is as important as the work itself.
4. Look at **past winners** — [Awards & Events - Reflections Arts Program | National PTA](#)





Awards at the **School Level**

- **All school-level winners** will move on to the council-level competition. These students will be awarded a **trophy** and a **certificate**.
- **All participants** will receive a **Medal** and a participation **certificate**.

Awards at the National Level

Merit Award:

1. Certificate of **Merit**;
2. **Bronze** Medal;
3. Work featured in the traveling exhibition



Award of Excellence:

1. Certificate of **Excellence**;
2. **Silver** Medal;
3. Work featured in the traveling exhibition;
4. **\$200** Young Artist Scholarship;

Outstanding Interpretation Award:

1. Certificate of **Outstanding Interpretation**;
2. **Gold** Medal;
3. Work featured in the traveling exhibition;
4. **\$800** Young Artist Scholarship;
5. \$200 Prize for Local PTA Unit

Theme Search



1. Each year, National PTA seeks a theme for the Reflections program year to be held two years from now.
2. This year students are asked to submit a theme for the **2024-2025** program year.
3. **\$100** prize from NPTA
4. Find Theme Search Contest Entry Form [Reflections Theme Search \(office.com\)](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=2UoBpkUpfUeSUBrdaTtaRiAoBNP9K7tltTd1ibLswadUNDU5UFBuQkhJWVNBT0xCTTBERetErkNVOC4u&wdLOR=c64D3CBE3-DB5E-419E-8AEE-A29D3A62CD09)
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5. Deadline: **November 1, 2022**

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- For example, if a photograph is taken where someone is wearing a Mickey Mouse shirt, that entry is acceptable as long as the Mickey Mouse character is not the primary focus of the photograph. Even if the entrant takes a photograph of a family with Mickey Mouse at a theme park, that would still be an acceptable photograph if the subject of the photograph is the family and not the Mickey Mouse character. **If an entrant creates an entry that includes Mickey Mouse as a primary subject in the artwork, that entry would be infringing on copyrighted material and would be disqualified.**



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