



# PTA Reflections

# FAQs

## What is the Reflections Contest?

Reflections is a program sponsored by the National PTA, to promote the arts in school. Students are invited to reflect on a theme (this year, the theme is **I am Hopeful Because...**), then create a piece of **art, music, literature, photography, film or dance** that expresses their ideas about the theme.

## Will my child work on this at school?

Probably not. Sometimes there are have been teachers who use the Reflections theme as a writing or creative prompt, but it is primarily an extracurricular program that students work on at home. All entries must be accompanied by an entry form signed by a parent.

## Who can enter?

All students, grades K-5 are eligible to enter through their school PTA.

## Can I enter more than one category?

YES! You may enter more than one piece in more than one category, or more than one piece in the same category. But, each piece must be entered into only one category (for example, you cannot write a story and illustrate it and enter it as 2 categories, but you could write a story and enter it in literature, and draw a picture and enter it separately as a visual art entry.)

The Reflections committee does not put a limit on the number of entries for a single student. Each entry can only be entered by one student. Students entering film, music or dance can have other students perform in their pieces, but the artist/creator/composer can only be one student.

## Are there rules?

Yes. Each category has specific rules regarding size, format, etc. Rules can be found on the Colorado PTA website: [www.copta.org/reflections](http://www.copta.org/reflections)

## How are the entries judged?

At the school level, we invite local artists, musicians, writers, film makers and photographers to judge our entries. All entries are evaluated anonymously. Judging is based on a 40-point system, as directed by the National PTA. Entries can receive up to 20 points for "interpretation of the theme," up to 10 points for "artistic merit," and up to 10 points for "mastery of the medium."

## How do I submit an entry?

Entries can be turned in to the Reflections Box at MVE before **November 10th**. All entries need to be accompanied by either an online entry form or a paper form.

The online form can be found using this QR code:



## More Questions?

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