



How can I participate in the Reflections Program:

The Reflections Program is a County, State, and National PTA art competition – with prizes. Forest Ridge PTA is collecting submissions from all students wishing to participate in any category. There are two divisions – primary (per-k - grade 2) and intermediate (grades 3-5). For each division, there are six art categories. These categories are:

- Dance Choreography
- Film Production
- Literature
- Music Composition
- Photography
- Visual Arts

Each entry must relate the theme. **The Theme for 2021-2022 is “I Will Change the World By...”**

How will my submission be evaluated?

[National PTA guidance states:](#)

Student entries submitted to the national level go through two rounds of review by esteemed arts professionals across the country. 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.

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:

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

What are the submission rules?

There are [official rules](#) and rules for each of the categories. Please review the rules before you make your submission.

Category Rules: [Dance Choreography](#), [Film Production](#), [Literature](#), [Music Composition](#), [Photography](#), [Special Artist Division](#), [Visual Arts](#)

Note the rules for this year:

- Dance Choreography and Film Production entries must be submitted in AVI or MP4 format.
- Music Composition entries must be submitted in MP3 or WAV format.
- Photography and Visual Arts entries must be submitted in JPEG, JPG or PNG format.
- Literature and scores as required for Music Compositions must be submitted in PDF format.

How and when do I submit my artwork?

All entries must be sent to Monaca Noble via email (treasurer@frespta.org) or as a share on Google Drive by **December 1, 2021**. The [entry form](#) should be sent to Monaca Noble by email. You can use the “save as” function to save your entry data or the “download with changes” option. Rename the entry form with the name of the student and FRES Reflections 2021 (e.g., Student_Name_FRES_Reflections_2021.pdf).

- A title is required (“Untitled” is not a title). Each participant is required to submit an artist statement that describes what inspired him or her to create the work and how it relates to the theme.
- The artist statement is mandatory for all entries in all grade divisions. The statement may not exceed 100 words and should fit in the space provided on the Student Entry Form.