
All participants must also follow General Rules for Participation.

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 & Format

- ◆ Entries must not exceed 2,000 words.
- ◆ Entries may be handwritten or typed.
- ◆ Include students name (First initial and Last name) and page numbers on BACK of each page.
Example: J. Doe, Page 1 of 2; J. Doe, Page 2 of 2, etc.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Entries are to reflect grade-appropriate grammar, punctuation and spelling.

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.

Instructions for Packaging and Submitting Entries

- ◆ Submit literature works on 8.5 x 11 paper
- ◆ Make sure that students name (First initial and Last name) and page number are written on the back of EACH page.
Example: J. Doe, Page 1 of 2; J. Doe, Page 2 of 2, etc.
- ◆ Submit the original and two (2) copies of the entry in a manila File FOLDER (NOT a manila envelope)
- ◆ Completely fill out the Student Entry Form including the specific information requested for the Literature category as well as the Artist Statement
- ◆ Insert:
 - SIGNED Student Entry Form
 - Artist Statement & Information Form
 - Consent Form if required (see form for instructions)Into a clear plastic sheet protector with Student Entry Form on top so student information can be clearly seen.
- ◆ Tape sheet protector to the manila Folder.
- ◆ Submit envelope containing your Literature entry and Student Entry Forms to your PTA Reflections Chair on the due date given for your school