



PTA Reflections Program Update – Virtual Entries Accepted

Illinois PTA Leaders and Reflections Program Volunteers,

Student participation in the arts is more important than ever to help them process their thoughts and feelings in these uncertain times. In light of the impact of Covid-19, as many of our school communities will be learning remotely, safety is our utmost concern. Illinois PTA encourages our units to support National PTA's recommendation that the Reflections Program be run virtually, when necessary to do so. Both virtual and physical Reflections entries will be accepted by Illinois PTA during the 2020-21 year.

Our team will be working with District and Region directors to support you with your chosen method(s) of entry submission.

- All forms are now fillable for your convenience and ease of transmission.
- Typed signatures are now accepted by National PTA and Illinois PTA will follow suit.
- All virtual entries should include the same labeling as physical entries (title of artwork, arts category and division) and be submitted along with the entry form file to help us match to the Advancing Projects Spreadsheet.
- We will be providing an online platform to receive uploads of all virtual entries from our Districts and Regions.

Please refer to National PTA's **Virtual Reflections Resource** for ideas for program promotion, entry collection and judging, and celebrating our amazing children and youth, which can be found in Illinois PTA Leadership Resources/Reflections.

We wish you every success as you embark upon a new year of promoting and celebrating the arts!

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