



Illinois PTA Reflections Program

2024-25 Results



Illinois PTA applauds all of the students who participated in the 2024-25 PTA Reflections cultural arts program! We are so very proud of those who created such amazing works of artistic expression. Two hundred seventy-seven entries, representing all six arts categories, were received at the state level. Differences were embraced and uniqueness celebrated as students, in seven of the Illinois PTA regions, submitted entries reflecting the theme “Accepting Imperfection.” PTA leaders, school staff and parents stepped up to encourage and support our innovative students’ works. It is the supportive individuals who spark creative energy that keep our arts alive. Thank you to all who helped make the Reflections program possible.

All Reflections entries that advanced to the Illinois PTA state level will be on display during our Spotlight celebration at Centennial High School in Champaign on May 17. Save the date, watch for details and join us!

Entries advanced to the National Level have been submitted for further review. These entries may receive additional National recognition announced on May 1.

We are excited to announce the twenty-seven entries advanced to the National PTA level and acknowledge our Illinois PTA State Awards of Artistic Distinction and State Honorable Mentions:

Advanced to the National Level – Dance Choreography

Micah MacDonald * Primary * **I need a lighthouse** * Lincoln PTA - Wheaton * DuPage West Region
Sienna Rockett * Intermediate * **Perfectly Imperfect** * Pleasant Hill PTA * DuPage West Region
Anisha Campbell * Middle School * **Season of Imperfection** * Crone Middle School PTSA * DuPage West Region
Aasvi Chokshi * High School * **Freedom** * Metea Valley PTSA * DuPage West Region

State Honorable Mention – Dance Choreography

Lexi Perez * Primary * **Beautiful** * Posen-Gordon PTA * South Suburban Cook Region
Greta Coronado * Intermediate * **Imperfection Glows** * Winston Campus Elementary PTA * Northwest Cook Region
Manit Jain * Intermediate * **Small things mean a lot** * Lincoln Prairie PTSA * Northwest Cook Region
Addison O’Neill * Intermediate * **Lost Girl** * Young PTA * DuPage West Region
Ashley Erickson * Middle School * **Beautiful in every different way** * Lester PTA * DuPage East Region

Advanced to the National Level – Film Production

Arin Pandey * Primary * **Twisty – the twisted tree** * Link PTA * Northwest Cook Region
Evelyn Loos * Intermediate * **They are like us** * Longfellow PTA * DuPage West Region
Nora James * Middle School * **Human Law** * O’Neill Middle School PTA * DuPage East Region
Varsan Raja * High School * **Discovering Color** * Metea Valley PTSA * DuPage West Region

State Award of Artistic Distinction – Film Production

Liam Seriruk * Intermediate * **The Beauty of Broken** * Aldrin PTA * Northwest Cook Region

State Honorable Mention – Film Production

Arcadio Coronado * Intermediate * **Sleep Over** * Winston Campus Elementary PTA * Northwest Cook Region
Kseniia Kuzikova * Intermediate * **Impurrfections** * Welch Elementary School PTA * DuPage West Region
Derek Gebhardt * Middle School * **Keep Going** * Plum Grove PTSA * Northwest Cook Region

Advanced to the National Level – Literature

Elizabeth Hengesbaugh * Primary * **Huntly's Drawings** * Longfellow PTA * DuPage West Region
Kiara Neema * Intermediate * **It Makes No Difference** * Campanelli PTA * Northwest Cook Region
Emmanuel Christian * Middle School * **My Dad** * Sunnybrook School Dist 171 * South Suburban Cook Region
Eden Kim * High School * **Kkaennip** * Metea Valley PTSA * DuPage West Region

State Award of Artistic Distinction – Literature

Sophie Sung * Middle School * **Redefined** * Scullen PTSA * DuPage West Region
Riya Ramesh * High School * **Fire** * Metea Valley PTSA * DuPage West Region
Sarah Thomas * High School * **My Cemetery** * Waubonsie Valley High School PTA * DuPage West Region

State Honorable Mention – Literature

Daphne DeVasto * Primary * **The Imperfect Girl** * Ardmore PTA * DuPage East Region
Charlie Kanas * Intermediate * **I am a Figure Skater** * Kimball Hill PTA * Northwest Cook Region
Kayla Shah * Intermediate * **Hidden Beauty** * Hawthorne PTA * DuPage East Region
Zayna Anbari * Middle School * **Accepting It All** * Maercker District 60 PTA * DuPage East Region
Cormac Henderson * Middle School * **Dandelion** * Sunnybrook School Dist 171 PTA * South Suburban Cook Region
Isla Reedy * Middle School * **Shining Through the Cracks** * Sandburg Middle School PTA * DuPage East Region
Giovanni Barrientos * High School * **What Lies Within** * Oak Lawn H S PTSA * South Suburban Cook Region
Shreya Bojja * High School * **Learning to be "ME"** * Waubonsie Valley High School PTA * DuPage West Region
Chandler Ober * High School * **Just a Bit Better** * York High School PTSA * DuPage East Region
Margaret Weber * High School * **the fear of imperfection** * Urbana High School PTSA * East Central Region

Advanced to the National Level – Music

Reyaansh Patra * Primary * **Perfectly Imperfect** * Link PTA * Northwest Cook Region
Mishka Pattanayak * Intermediate * **Shine** * White Eagle School PTA * DuPage West Region
Anisha Campbell * Middle School * **Imperfections Stay** * Crone Middle School PTSA * DuPage West Region
Kenneth Gallwas * High School * **Silencing the Solo** * York High School PTSA * DuPage East Region
Eden Salem * Accessible Arts * **The Violin's Imperfect Melodies!** * Metea Valley PTSA * DuPage West Region

State Award of Artistic Distinction – Music

Stella Horner * Intermediate * **Not the plan of my dreams** * Gwendolyn Brooks PTA * DuPage West Region
Hugo Sarcletti * Intermediate * **Be Here Now** * Manor Hill PTA * DuPage East Region
Edwin Mithra * Middle School * **Natural Flaw-An Imperfect Impromptu** * Gregory M S PTA * DuPage West Region

State Honorable Mention – Music

Jorie Youngren * Primary * **The Fairy Garden** * Washington PTA * DuPage West Region
Joe Scapillato * Intermediate * **A Day in the Life of a Diabetic** * Patton PTA * Northwest Cook Region
Austin Sudol * Intermediate * **Broken Mirror** * Patton PTA * Northwest Cook Region
Kieran Walus * Middle School * **The Lost Optimist** * Monroe Middle PTA * DuPage West Region
Aruna Nagabhushan * High School * **Imperfections Create Perfections** * Neuqua Valley PTSA * DuPage West Region
Colton Harley * Accessible Arts * **Barney is a Dinosaur That is Crazy** * Lorena Ave PTA * Southern Region

Advanced to the National Level – Photography

Amelia Grover * Primary * **Spicy Maple** * Ardmore PTA * DuPage East Region
Abigail Olson * Intermediate * **extra loved** * Lincoln PTA * DuPage West Region
Lynne Whiteid * Middle School * **Imperfection is Beautiful** * Campanelli PTA * Northwest Cook Region
Raunak Saksena * High School * **A House with a Heart** * Metea Valley PTSA * DuPage West Region
Nathan Jakobi * Accessible Arts * **The Broken Rubber Wheel** * Keller Jr High PTA * Northwest Cook Region

State Award of Artistic Distinction – Photography

Maggie Wilkins * Intermediate * **Broken Wing** * Lincoln PTA * DuPage West PTA

Emma Lupa * Middle School * **The Accepting Tree** * Edison Middle School PTA * DuPage West PTA

Veronica Miller * Middle School * **Bartholomew the toad** * Sandburg Jr High PTSA * Northwest Cook Region

State Honorable Mention – Photography

Patrick Nagle * Primary * **Special Paw** * Sanborn PTA * Northwest Cook Region

Charlie Kanas * Intermediate * **Imperfect Web of Beauty** * Kimball Hill PTA * Northwest Cook Region

Lorelai Rappard * Intermediate * **Africa's Unicorn** * Link PTA * Northwest Cook Region

June West * Intermediate * **My View** * Winston Campus Elementary PTA * Northwest Cook Region

Arielle Deo * Middle School * **A little broken a lot beautiful** * Bryan PTA * DuPage East Region

Henry Haley * Middle School * **The Nature of Imperfection** * Belle Aire PTA * DuPage East Region

Ellison Harmsen * Middle School * **The Sea of Imperfections** * Crone Middle School PTSA * DuPage West Region

Yaritza Linares * High School * **Upon a Light** * Oak Lawn High School PTSA * South Suburban Cook Region

Advanced to the National Level – Visual Arts

Sammie Segura * Primary * **Garbage-Fly** * Madison PTA * DuPage East Region

Milana Pranko * Intermediate * **Dream Dance** * Lincoln PTA * DuPage West Region

Jaelyn Park * Middle School * **Breaking Free!** * Plum Grove PTSA * Northwest Cook Region

Leila Muhammad * High School * **Self-Acceptances** * Oak Lawn High School PTSA * South Suburban Cook Region

Makayla Conard * Accessible Arts * **Friends** * Eisenhower PTA * DuPage East Region

State Award of Artistic Distinction – Visual Arts

Rocky Seeden * Primary * **ADHD is my superpower** * Maercker District 60 PTA * DuPage East Region

Harper Giangreco * Intermediate * **Driven to Read: My own path** * Marion Jordan PTA * Northwest Cook Region

Adelaide Bersin * Middle School * **Merging Two Halves of Her Heart** * Crone M S PTSA * DuPage West Region

Chloe Yuan * Middle School * **Smiling Self Portrait** * Granger Middle School PTA * DuPage West Region

Nikkitha Karthikeyan * High School * **Letting Hope & Love Shine Through** * Metea Valley PTSA * DuPage West Region

State Honorable Mention – Visual Arts

Jesus Aguilera * Primary * **Accepting Imperfection** * Posen-Gordon PTA * South Suburban Cook Region

Charlotte Avery * Primary * **Stripes** * Hawthorne PTA * DuPage West Region

Suvir Yadav * Primary * **The Twisted Tree** * Lincoln PTA * DuPage West Region

Sara Berg * Intermediate * **Self Reflection** * Bower PTA * DuPage West Region

Annabel Cho * Intermediate * **Practice turns to dreams** * Michael Collins PTA * Northwest Cook Region

Elorah Kamins * Middle School * **Pieces of Color, Broken but Beautiful** * Churchville PTA * DuPage East Region

Iris Lim * Middle School * **From Eleven Places in the World** * Plum Grove PTSA * Northwest Cook Region

Amanda Wojtczak * Middle School * **Accepting Our Smiles** * Culver School PTA * West Suburban Cook Region

