

## 2024-25 National PTA Reflections Recognition for Illinois Students



We proudly announce eight Illinois students chosen for additional recognition at the national level in the 2024-25 PTA Reflections Arts Program. This year, National PTA received over 850 national-level student submissions. Through two rounds of rigorous review by arts professionals at the national level, 223 students from 34 State PTA Congresses were selected for national-level recognition for their artwork. The full list is at [PTA.org/ReflectionsAwards](https://PTA.org/ReflectionsAwards).

The PTA Reflections Art Program annually recognizes elementary through high school students from around the country for over 55 years. Every year, students are asked to use their artistic expression and initiative in Film Production, Dance Choreography, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, and Visual Arts to reshape the theme in their own way. This

year, students were asked to reflect on the theme “*Accepting Imperfection*.” Illinois PTA submitted 27 entries to National PTA to be reviewed with other national level submissions.

Congratulations to the following eight students. We wish them continued success in the arts and future endeavors.

**Award of Excellence:** \$200 Young Artist Scholarship; Silver Medal; Certificate of Excellence; Work featured in the virtual exhibition.

- **Arin Pandey** \* Film Production \* Primary Level \* *Twisty - the twisted tree* \* Link PTA
- **Reyaansh Patra** \* Music Composition \* Primary Level \* *Perfectly Imperfect* \* Campanelli PTA
- **Mishka Pattanayak** \* Music Composition \* Intermediate Level \* *Shine* \* White Eagle School PTA
- **Kenneth Gallwas** \* Music Composition \* High School Level \* *Silencing the Solo* \* York High School PTSA

**Merit Award:** Bronze Medal; Certificate of Merit; Work featured in the virtual exhibition.

- **Varsan Raja** \* Film Production \* High School Level \* *Discovering Color* \* Metea Valley PTSA
- **Anisha Campbell** \* Music Composition \* Middle School Level \* *Imperfections Stay* \* Crone Middle School PTSA
- **Milana Pranko** \* Visual Arts \* Intermediate Level \* *Dream Dance* \* Lincoln PTA
- **Jaelyn Park** \* Visual Arts \* Middle School Level \* *Breaking Free!* \* Plum Grove Jr High PTSA

All the National awardees will be honored on National PTA’s website and social media channels throughout the year, as well as in a digital exhibition and future celebrations highlighting student artwork and interpretation.

Thank you to all who took part in this year's Reflections program in Illinois! We can’t wait to see what you create next year. The theme for the 2025-26 program is “***I Belong!***” Program materials will be available on the Illinois PTA website this summer.

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