

2025-2026 National PTA Reflections Recognition for Illinois Students



We proudly announce seven Illinois students chosen for additional recognition at the national level in the 2025-26 PTA Reflections Arts Program. This year, National PTA received nearly 950 national-level student submissions from 42 states with 247 students selected for national-level recognition for their artwork. The full list is at [PTA.org/ReflectionsAwards](https://www.pta.org/ReflectionsAwards).

The PTA Reflections Art Program has annually recognized 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 "I Belong!" Illinois PTA submitted 27 entries to National PTA to be reviewed with other national level submissions.

Congratulations to the following seven 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.

- **Sienna Rockett** *Intermediate * **Girls** * Pleasant Hill PTA * DuPage West Region
- **Sreyashi Nanda** * Middle School * **The Last Chair** * Maercker District 60 PTA * DuPage East Region
- **Eugenia Perret Gentil** * Primary * **Together with The Wind** * Patterson PTA * DuPage West Region

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

- **Arin Pandey** * Intermediate * **CUBEE** * Link PTA * Northwest Cook Region
- **Rosalie Disterheft** * Intermediate * **I Know I Belong** * Pleasant Lane PTA * DuPage East Region
- **Nithin Srinivasan** * Middle School * **Together In Unison** * Gregory PTA * DuPage West Region
- **Sanika Mahajan** * Middle School * **I Belong with Nature** * Eisenhower PTA * Northwest Cook Region

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 2026-27 program is "*What My Culture Means to Me*" Program materials will be available on the Illinois PTA website this summer.

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