



## Illinois PTA Reflections Program 2025-2026 Results



Illinois PTA applauds all the students who participated in the 2025-2026 PTA Reflections program! We are so immensely proud of those who created such amazing works of artistic expression. With two hundred and sixty state-level entries across all six categories, it is clear that Illinois students found a powerful way to express their unique identities through this year's theme "I Belong". The dedication of PTA leaders, teachers, staff, and parents who nurtured that "creative spark" is truly what makes the program successful year after year. Thank you to all who helped make the Reflections program possible.

Following are the twenty-seven entries advanced to the National PTA level as well as those acknowledged for our Illinois PTA State Awards of Artistic Distinction and State Honorable Mentions:

### Advanced to the National Level – Dance Choreography

**Brooke Jue** \* Primary \* **I Feel Connected** \* White Eagle School PTA \* DuPage West Region

**Sienna Rockett** \* Intermediate \* **Girls** \* Pleasant Hill PTA \* DuPage West Region

**Mishka Pattanayak** \* Middle School \* **Simply Me** \* Still Middle School PTSA \* DuPage West Region

### State Award of Artistic Distinction – Dance Choreography

**Greta Coronado** \* Middle School \* **dance is where I belong** \* Winston Campus Middle School PTA \* Northwest Cook Region

### State Honorable Mention – Dance Choreography

**Kinsley Diaz** \* Intermediate \* **Never Give Up** \* Winston Campus Elementary PTA \* Northwest Cook Region

**Addie Hendrickson** \* Intermediate \* **I belong in this world** \* Patton PTA \* Northwest Cook Region

**Hazel From** \* Intermediate \* **Lucky Girl** \* Emerson PTA Wheaton \* DuPage West Region

**Audrey Pawlak** \* Middle School \* **"I survived 5 Nights at Freddy's"** \* Winston Campus Middle School PTA \* Northwest Cook Region

**Ashley Erickson** \* Middle School \* **The Place I Belong** \* Herrick PTA \* DuPage East Region

**Naomi Grens** \* Primary \* **Free to belong** \* Lincoln PTA Elmhurst \* DuPage East Region

### Advanced to the National Level – Film Production

**Evander Knudsen** \* Primary \* **Evans Zoo** \* Nancy Young Elementary PTA \* DuPage West Region

**Arin Pandey** \* Intermediate \* **CUBEE** \* Link PTA \* Northwest Cook Region

**Morgan Schlange** \* Middle School \* **Belong?** \* Hillcrest PTA \* DuPage East Region

**Peyton Marshall** \* High School \* **A Colorful belonging** \* Oak Lawn Community High School PTSA \* South Suburban Cook Region

### State Honorable Mention – Film Production

**Vinisha Kiran Behera** \* Intermediate \* **I BELONG TO CURIOSITY** \* Paddock PTA \* Northwest Cook Region

**Arcadio Coronado** \* Middle School \* **Home** \* Winston Campus Middle School PTA \* Northwest Cook Region

**Alexa Heine** \* Middle School \* **Transformation** \* Edison Middle School PTA Wheaton \* DuPage West Region

### Advanced to the National Level – Literature

**Hajar Alkhatib** \* Primary \* **Where I Belong** \* Manor Hill Elementary PTA \* DuPage East Region

**Annabelle Ryan** \* Intermediate \* **Puzzle Pieces** \* Bower PTA \* DuPage West Region

**Sreyashi Nanda** \* Middle School \* **The Last Chair** \* Maercker District 60 PTA \* DuPage East Region

**Mahika Jain** \* High School \* **Belonging Backwards** \* Metea Valley High School PTSA \* DuPage West Region

### State Honorable Mention – Literature

**Mason Johnson** \* Primary \* **I Belong** \* Lincoln PTA Elmhurst \* DuPage East Region

**Emilia McCarty** \* Primary \* **The New Sport!** \* Patton PTA \* Northwest Cook Region

**Kiara Neema** \* Intermediate \* **Weaving the Web of Belonging** \* Campanelli PTA \* Northwest Cook Region

**Eli Fonseca** \* Middle School \* **I Belong at my Abuela's House** \* Sunnybrook School District 171 PTA \* South Suburban Cook Region

**Atharv Vinod Kumar** \* Middle School \* **One Moment Away** \* Hoover PTA \* Northwest Cook Region

**Melody Nguyen** \* Middle School \* **I Belong in the Memories my Grandma Left Behind** \* Sunnybrook School District 171 PTA \* South Suburban Cook Region

**Nathan Nguyen** \* Middle School \* **Is There Hope?** \* Monroe Middle School PTA \* DuPage West Region

**Minaal Sikandar** \* Middle School \* **Blue Jeans and Trees** \* O'Neill PTA \* DuPage East Region

**George Synowiec** \* Middle School \* **I belong** \* Mead Jr High PTA \* Northwest Cook Region

**Ishaanvi Vemula** \* High School \* **Threads of Belonging** \* Metea Valley High School PTA \* DuPage West Region

### Advanced to the National Level – Music

**Eugenia Perret Gentil** \* Primary \* **Together with the Wind** \* Patterson PTA \* DuPage West 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

**Ana-Sofia Martinez** \* High School \* **Me and the Crowd** \* Waubonsie Valley High School PTA \* DuPage West Region

**Eden Salem** \* Accessible Arts \* **Unstoppable** \* Metea Valley High School PTSA \* DuPage West Region

### State Award of Artistic Distinction – Music

**Sean Flynn** \* Intermediate \* **We All Belong Together!** \* Jackson PTA \* DuPage East Region

### State Honorable Mention – Music

**Noelle Powell** \* Intermediate \* **Great Day** \* Gombert PTA \* DuPage West Region

**Zach Smith** \* Intermediate \* **Squirrely Beats** \* Jackson PTA \* DuPage East Region

**Anisha Campbell** \* Middle School \* **Believe This Can Change** \* Crone Middle School PTA \* DuPage West Region

**Declan Flynn** \* Middle School \* **Dreaming in the Stars** \* Bryan PTA \* DuPage East Region

**Hugo Sarcletti** \* Middle School \* **By My Side** \* Glenn Westlake PTA \* DuPage East Region

**Frederick Wolf** \* Middle School \* **The One Whom You Are** \* Monroe Middle School PTA \* DuPage West Region

### Advanced to the National Level – Photography

**Ellie Berglund** \* Primary \* **Implant to heart** \* Olive-Mary Stitt PTA \* Northwest Cook Region  
**Grayson Glonke** \* Intermediate \* **I'm Part of the Recipe** \* Kimball Hill PTA \* Northwest Cook Region  
**George Synowiec** \* Middle School \* **The Mark I Leave** \* Mead Jr High PTA \* Northwest Cook Region  
**Emily Prado** \* High School \* **The Colors Within You** \* Oak Lawn Community High School PTSA \* South Suburban Cook Region  
**Nathan Jakobi** \* Accessible Arts \* **We Are Diesel** \* Keller PTA \* Northwest Cook Region

#### State Honorable Mention – Photography

**Vivi Ibach** \* Primary \* **Human Touch** \* Lester Elementary PTA \* DuPage East Region  
**Eddie Teater** \* Primary \* **The Missing Piece is Me** \* Madison PTA Lombard \* DuPage East Region  
**Eli West** \* Primary \* **“My Best friend”** \* Winston Campus Elementary PTA \* Northwest Cook Region  
**Emerson Glonke** \* Intermediate \* **Belongings on the Bench** \* Kimball Hill PTA \* Northwest Cook Region  
**Joseph Harmsen** \* Intermediate \* **A Boy & The Beach** \* Kendall Elementary PTA \* DuPage West Region  
**Jiya Jagdale** \* Intermediate \* **I Belong To Nature’s Wonder Where Every Sunset Feels Like A New Surprise** \* Maercker District 60 PTA \* DuPage East Region  
**Jack Momper** \* Intermediate \* **Stuck in the right spot** \* Wiesbrook PTA \* DuPage West Region  
**Giean Sawant** \* Intermediate \* **Upside Down** \* Maercker District 60 PTA \* DuPage East Region  
**Ellison Harmsen** \* Middle School \* **Where I Feel Small yet Strong** \* Crone Middle School PTA \* DuPage West Region  
**Aarya Sobti** \* Middle School \* **Beautiful and Wild** \* Gregory PTA \* DuPage West Region

#### Advanced to the National Level – Visual Arts

**Pranika Rajesh** \* Primary \* **Diwali with my family** \* Central Road PTA \* Northwest Cook Region  
**Sriyan Kantamneni** \* Intermediate \* **One Tree One World** \* Gwendolyn Brooks PTA \* DuPage West Region  
**Sanika Mahajan** \* Middle School \* **I Belong with Nature** \* Eisenhower PTA \* Northwest Cook Region  
**Addison Clark** \* High School \* **Ramagnoli's** \* Oak Lawn Community High School PTSA \* South Suburban Cook Region  
**Emma Deluga** \* Accessible Arts \* **Dance is where I belong** \* Winston Campus Middle School PTA \* Northwest Cook Region  
**Roberto Sanchez** \* Accessible Arts \* **I Belong** \* Paddock PTA \* Northwest Cook Region

#### State Award of Artistic Distinction – Visual Arts

**Tommy Dussman** \* Middle School \* **Where do I belong** \* Herrick PTA \* DuPage East Region  
**Rishav Kantamneni** \* Middle School \* **In Her Arms, I Belong** \* Granger PTA \* DuPage West Region  
**Sara Bansal** \* High School \* **“In the Arms of the Earth”** \* Waubonsie Valley High School PTA \* DuPage West Region

#### State Honorable Mention – Visual Arts

**Patrick Nagle** \* Primary \* **Big Feelings** \* Sanborn PTA \* Northwest Cook Region  
**Violet Hawker** \* Primary \* **the snowflake gather** \* Pierce Downer PTA \* DuPage East Region  
**Leah Ramos** \* Primary \* **“I Belong”** \* Posen-Gordon PTA \* South Suburban Cook Region  
**Savani Shende** \* Primary \* **Reading where I belong!** \* Fairview PTA \* Northwest Cook Region  
**Liam Cho** \* Intermediate \* **I belonged to the earth** \* Lowell PTA \* DuPage West Region  
**Reeya Lalith Kumar** \* Intermediate \* **Individual freedom** \* Gwendolyn Brooks PTA \* DuPage West Region  
**Mitchell Onken** \* Intermediate \* **My Family Coat of Arms** \* Lester Elementary PTA \* DuPage East Region  
**Lara Parekh** \* Intermediate \* **A Hand To Hold** \* Wiesbrook PTA \* DuPage West Region

**Scarlet Zapart** \* Intermediate \* **I belong in a mystical world** \* Westgate PTA \* Northwest Cook Region  
**Yeonwoo Choi** \* Middle School \* **Split Personalities as One** \* Gregory PTA \* DuPage West Region  
**Emma Menet** \* Middle School \* **The Eye of Belonging** \* O'Neill PTA \* DuPage East Region  
**Adhishna Parthipan** \* Middle School \* **The Waterfall Flowing As A River** \* Maercker District 60 PTA \*  
DuPage East Region  
**Solomia Anna Maria Tizyo** \* Middle School \* **Belong (Symbolism of a String)** \* Addams PTA \* Northwest  
Cook Region  
**Alanah Martinez** \* High School \* **From here, there, and everywhere** \* Oak Lawn Community High School  
PTSA \* South Suburban Cook Region

