



# National PTA® Reflections

## Alaska State Specific Requirements



By entering the “National PTA Reflections Program,” entrants accept and agree to be bound by the Official Rules and Alaska State Specific Requirements as well as the entry requirements for their specific arts category and division. Any violation of these rules may, at PTA’s discretion, result in disqualification. All decisions of the judges regarding this program are final and binding in all respects. (The “PTA” referred to in these rules include all PTAs/PTSAs reviewing the entry).

- 1. ELIGIBILITY.** Students must participate through a local PTA/PTSA in good standing (HUGS unit). Parent groups not affiliated with National PTA are not eligible to sponsor this program. It is the responsibility of the state and local PTA/PTSA to determine each student’s eligibility in the National PTA Reflections® Program. A student may develop an entry in or outside of school. Please check with Alaska PTA to verify that your PTA/PTSA is a **Healthy Unit** in **Good Standing**.
- 2. ARTS CATEGORIES.** There are six arts categories – dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography and visual arts. Students may enter the National PTA Reflections Program in one or more arts categories. See each Arts Category Rules for additional entry requirements.
- 3. GRADE DIVISIONS.** Students may enter in the appropriate division for their grade (Primary: Preschool-Grade 2; Intermediate: Grades 3-5; Middle School: Grades 6-8; High School: Grades 9-12; Special Artist: All grades welcome). If students do not fall under specific grade divisions, National PTA suggests they be grouped by age (Primary: Up to age 7; Intermediate: Ages 8-10; Middle School: Ages 11-13; High School: Ages 14+; Special Artist: All ages welcome). See Special Artist Division Rules for entry requirements.
- 4. HOW TO ENTER.** Entrants must submit their artwork and student entry form to their local PTA/PTSA program according to local and state PTA procedures. Entrants must follow requirements and instructions specific to each arts category and division. Contact local PTA programs for deadlines and additional information. Contact the Alaska Reflections Chair Jenada Johnson at [Jenada.akpta@gmail.com](mailto:Jenada.akpta@gmail.com) for a complete info packet or with any questions. Alaska entry forms are also located at [alaskapta.org](http://alaskapta.org).
- 5. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS.** (All participants must also follow Arts Category and Division Rules)
  - Only new pieces of artwork inspired by the current year’s theme may be submitted.
  - Each entry must be the original work of one student only. An adult may not alter the creative integrity of a student’s work. Because the program is designed to encourage and recognize each student’s individual creativity, help from an adult or collaboration with other students is not allowed except in the Special Artist Division. Only one student may be recognized as the award recipient for each entry. Other individuals may appear in or perform a student’s work, but the work itself must be the creative product of one student only. *See the specific Arts Category Rules for details.*
  - Each entry must contain a title and all entries must include an artist statement. The artist statement communicates what inspired the work, how it relates to the theme, and the content of the work. The statement must include at least one sentence, but may not exceed 100 words.
  - Use of copyrighted material is prohibited, except for recorded music in dance choreography and film production entries. Plagiarized entries will be disqualified. Use of PowerPoint presentations are prohibited because most graphic elements are copyrighted.
- 6. FINALIST SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION.** Entries are reviewed at local, regional/council, state and national levels. Each PTA determines its own judges for the program. Entries will be judged primarily on how well the student uses his or her artistic vision to portray the theme, originality and creativity. The National PTA Reflections® program makes no restrictions on content or subject matter in artwork. Under no condition may parents or students contact the judges to dispute the status of any entry.  
  
Awards are announced within all local and region/council PTAs. Alaska PTA will announce its awards on the Alaska PTA website in March, 2018. National award recipients are notified via email by National PTA on **May 1, 2018**. The PTA in its sole discretion will select finalists for exhibition and provide awards/prizes. Visit [PTA.org/Reflections](http://PTA.org/Reflections) for more information on Exhibitions and awards.

### 7. THEME SEARCH CONTEST

National PTA Reflections sponsors a student-focused [Theme Search Contest](#) annually to determine a future program theme. The winner will be selected in January and will receive \$100 and recognition at the National PTA Convention.

Please submit ALL Theme Search Contest entries to the Alaska PTA Reflections Committee in person or by mail arriving no later than Monday November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017:

The Alaska PTA office address is 555 W. Northern Lights Blvd. Suite #204, Anchorage, AK. 99503

The office hours are 9:30 to 1:30 M-F for drop offs. If you are mailing it please use P.O. Box 201496 Anchorage, AK 99520 and it must arrive by Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

## 8. ALASKA STATE SPECIFIC INFORMATION, INSTRUCTIONS AND RULES ON ADVANCING STUDENT SUBMISSIONS:

Provide your students with an opportunity to share their artwork across the state and nation. National PTA Reflections is a multi-layered program that has Local PTA Unit, Region or Fairbanks Council PTA level, State and National levels of recognition. PTAs are encouraged to advance their finalists to the next available level.

Please attach the **original** student entry form to each submission and follow the instructions below:

- The Number of student entries per category that will advance from Local to Region/Council level is **(6)** plus all Special Artists entries. The Number of student entries per category that will advance from Region/Council to State level is **(8)** plus all Special Artists entries. The Alaska PTA is only allowed to advance **ONE** entry per grade division (preK-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12 & special artist) in each of the six art categories to the National PTA level. So, if you have entries in more than 1 grade division we **strongly suggest** that you advance at least 1 from every grade division represented.
- If you have a Local Unit PTA that covers **4** grade Divisions (**K-12**) you may submit a total of 8 entries per art category if needed, with no more than 6 in any one single grade division.
- Each submission must include an attached address size label to the back or underside that includes the following: Art Title, School Name, Art Category and Grade Division. Since the judges may see this Please **DO NOT** put the students name on this label.
- Items/forms that need to be submitted include fully and properly completed 2017-18 Alaska PTA Student Entry Forms/signed Consent Forms/List of Advancing Students to accompany artwork, Copy of online submission of student work. Instructions for electronic files: Original digital files of video, dance, music, and photography. Electronic files must meet National PTA file requirements and are suggested to be submitted on thumb or flash drives. (A lot of new computers do not have DVD capability so it is easier for judging, all drives will be returned)) Photography files may be emailed to coordinator.
- National Judging: All Artwork is judged by electronic submissions Only at the National level, so please try to use high quality clear photos of all visual artwork. Any National placing visual art entries will be sent to National PTA in Washington, DC after the National PTA Reflection Winners are announced in May 2018, they will print from the digital files for all other categories.
- Proper Packaging of artwork and shipping instructions: 3D Artwork must not need assembly upon arrival per National rules. All Region and Council advancing artwork must be properly packaged for travel to Anchorage (if located outside Anchorage) for State level judging and display at the State Reflections Celebration. Coordinators may bulk package non-fragile items for shipping or pick up to Anchorage. Judging from the original art is always best but since there may be a fee involved for shipping some heavy 3D artwork (if pickup can not be arranged) there is the option of having 3D artwork be judged at the State level also using the 3 -5 quality photos if desired. That will be left up to the artist and family. 3 -5 quality photos will be needed for any 3D artwork advancing to the National level.
- **ALASKA ADVANCING ENTRY DEADLINES: LOCAL UNIT TO REGIONAL/COUNCIL LEVEL- JAN. 16, 2018; REGIONAL/COUNCIL TO STATE LEVEL- FEB 3, 2018.** Local Unit Finalists submissions MUST be received by your Region Vice President/Council by **January 16, 2018**. Local Unit Finalists submissions may be dropped off in person or mailed to the Alaska PTA Office, Fairbanks Council drop off to be determined. Please advise the PTA Office and your Region VP/Council if you are mailing them in case of delay. Pick-up from certain locations may be able to be arranged. Parents please check with your Local Unit for their individual Local Unit deadlines.
- Region VP's your deadline to have your entries advanced to State level is Feb. 3, 2018, please contact Jenada with any questions or for assistance.
- **Contact information for Region VP'S:**
  - Region 1 VP - currently vacant, contact Alaska PTA office
  - Region 2 Fairbanks Council Coordinator,



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- Region 4 –Anissa Holmes, [region4vp.akpta@gmail.com](mailto:region4vp.akpta@gmail.com)
- Region 5 – April Eide, [region5vp.akpta@gmail.com](mailto:region5vp.akpta@gmail.com)
- Region 6 – currently vacant, contact Alaska PTA office
- Region 8 – currently vacant, contact Alaska PTA office
- Region 9 – Jessica Blackson, [region9vp.akpta@gmail.com](mailto:region9vp.akpta@gmail.com)

If you are shipping entries, we recommend that you ship them with a company that offers online tracking capabilities, in case the shipment is delayed or gets lost. Any time you have questions, please contact Jenada Johnson at [Jenada.akpta@gmail.com](mailto:Jenada.akpta@gmail.com) so we can help address them.

### 9. Regional or Council and State-Level Recognition

Regional or Council-level award recipients will be announced in February by the Region VP's. Regional and Council awards and recognition should include at least ribbons and certificates. The Alaska PTA State-level award recipients are announced in early March by email and posted on the Alaska PTA website. The State Awards and recognition of all participants at the State level will be in April 2018 during the Reflections Awards Celebration in conjunction with the Alaska PTA State Convention. Reflections Awards Celebration date and location to be announced. All finalists forwarded to the State Level will receive certificates. Honorable mentions and judge's favorites will receive ribbons or medals. All State Finalists will receive trophies.

### 10. National –Level Recognition

National-level award recipients are announced annually on **May 1**. Visit [PTA.org/Reflections](http://PTA.org/Reflections) for announcements related to national awards and events. National PTA award categories include the following:

- **Outstanding Interpretation Awards:** Seven Outstanding Interpretation Awards are given—one to the submission in each arts category, including the Special Artist Division, that best interprets the theme.
- **Awards of Excellence:** These are given to the top three scores for each arts category in each division and one special artist of each arts area.
- **Awards of Merit:** These are given to the next five highest scores for each arts category in each division.

National award recipients will be notified via email by National PTA in May. National awards and certificates are mailed after the National PTA Convention, approx. the end of July. Any awards or certificates returned to the National PTA office due to insufficient or incorrect addresses will be mailed to the appropriate state office. For more details on national awards and events, visit [PTA.org/Reflections](http://PTA.org/Reflections).

### 11. Report Participation

After your program has concluded please complete the PTA Participation Form, visit [PTA.org/Reflections](http://PTA.org/Reflections) to report your program's student participation totals and feedback to your State and National PTA. Please send report to your Region VP's or Council and to the Alaska PTA Reflections Chair, [Jenada.akpta@gmail.com](mailto:Jenada.akpta@gmail.com) . Region VP's and Councils please complete your form and send it to the Alaska PTA Reflections Chair also.

The Alaska PTA Reflections Committee and Chair reserve the right to make changes and any necessary corrections or clarifications to these Alaska State Specific Requirements at any time. For Alaska PTA Reflections events, please check [www.alaskapta.org/reflections](http://www.alaskapta.org/reflections) or Email the Alaska PTA Reflections Chair at [jenada.akpta@gmail.com](mailto:jenada.akpta@gmail.com) or Contact Alaska PTA Office at 907-279-9345 Toll Free: 888-822-1699 or Email: [office.akpta@gmail.com](mailto:office.akpta@gmail.com) For National events, visit [PTA.org/Reflections](http://PTA.org/Reflections).

**12. OWNERSHIP AND LICENSE.** Ownership in any submission shall remain the property of the entrant, but entry into this program constitutes entrant's irrevocable permission and consent that PTA may display, copy, reproduce, enhance, print, sublicense, publish, distribute and create derivative works for PTA purposes. PTA is not responsible for lost or damaged entries. Submission of entry into the PTA Reflections program constitutes acceptance of all rules and conditions.