
All participants must also follow General Rules for Participation.

Description

Literature entries may be a work of fiction or nonfiction. Prose, poetry and drama are all accepted. The entry must relate to the current National PTA Reflections[®] Program theme. Whether an entry uses a variety of techniques or a simple approach, it will be judged primarily on how well the student uses his or her artistic vision to portray the theme.

Presentation & Format

- Entries must not exceed 2,000 words.
- Entries may be handwritten or typed.
- Include page numbers & include student name on back of each page.
- Illustrated entries, including “books,” with pictures drawn by the student are acceptable; however, only literary content is judged.
- Collections of poems or short stories are not accepted.
- Entries are to reflect grade-appropriate grammar, punctuation and spelling.

Dictation and Typing

- Students may have their entries typed by another person as long as the original work or a copy of the original work is attached.
- Students in pre-school, kindergarten or 1st grade may dictate to another person who may print or type exact words as spoken by the student.
- Transcribers should make every attempt to retain the same level of language and accuracy that is reflected in the student’s original work.

Translation

- Students for whom English is not their first language may submit literature entries in their own language.
An interpretive translation in English must accompany the entry.
- Translators should make every attempt to retain the same level of language and accuracy that is reflected in the student’s original work.

Submission Instructions: *Follow your State PTA guidelines regarding required submission format.*

A. Paper format of literary entry:

- Submit literature works on 8.5 x 11 paper.
- Submit envelope to your PTA Reflections Chair containing two paper copies of literature entry and student entry form.

B. Electronic format of literary entry:

- Save electronic file on a CD not exceeding 1 GB (one gigabyte) in file size.
 - Acceptable file formats for **typed literature documents**: DOC, DOCX, PDF, PPT, PPTX
 - Acceptable file format for **hand written literature documents**: PDF
- Label with the title of your artwork, arts category, and division.
- Submit envelope to your PTA Reflections Chair containing your CD and student entry form.