

## 2009–2010 REFLECTIONS ART PROGRAM “Beauty Is...”

**It's time to pull out your paint, film, and dictionary. Dust off your camcorder and musical instruments. Put on your dancing shoes.**

**It's time for the 2009-2010 PTA Reflections Program!**

**This program is sponsored by the National PTA and recognizes outstanding student works in six art areas:**

**literature, musical composition, photography, film/video production, dance choreography and visual arts.**

**The theme for this year is “Beauty is...”.**

### **What is Reflections?**

Reflections is a very popular and successful cultural arts program designed to enhance quality arts education for students in preschool through grade 12. For nearly 40 years, the Reflections Program has encouraged millions of students across the nation and in American schools overseas to explore their artistic talents. Reflections provides students with an opportunity to express themselves creatively while receiving positive recognition on a school, community, state, and possibly national level.

### **Quick Facts About Reflections**

- Students may submit one or more entries in any or all of the six categories of Musical Composition, Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Visual Arts, and Photography. Each entry requires separate forms.
- Entries can be created in school or at home and must be the original design and work of one student only, and only new pieces that support the theme of “Beauty is . . .” will be accepted.
- A student's work may be eligible to win at the District and State level, and be able to move on to National competition. After entries are judged, selected works will be forwarded to the next level of judging.
- All national entries are judged on artistic merit, creativity, and interpretation of the theme. The Reflections Program makes no restriction on content or subject in artwork. Students who are submitting entries need to meet school and/or local and state PTA standards. Judges review entries based upon creativity, artistic merit, and interpretation of the theme. Each PTA determines its own judges for the program. Under no conditions may parents or students contact the judges to dispute the status of an entry. All decisions of judges are final.
- There are very specific rules for entry, and each category has some individual rules. Entries require certain accompanying forms and an artist's statement, plus must meet various requirements. Rules for entry have changed since previous years so it is important to pay attention to this year's rules.

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# HOW TO ENTER

## The 2009-2010 Reflections Contest

Access everything you need to enter the Reflections Contest online:

- Go to [www.ncpta.org](http://www.ncpta.org) (The North Carolina PTA website)
- On the homepage, click on "Programs" (the orange button near the top)
- In the programs drop-down menu, click on "Reflections"
- From this web page, you'll find **everything you need to enter Reflections**, which includes the following:
  - The **CATEGORY RULES** for each category in which you plan to enter
  - The **GENERAL RULES** for entries in all categories
  - **FAQs** (frequently asked questions) for the contest
  - The **STUDENT ENTRY FORM** which must be filled out for all entries
  - The student requirements **CHECKLISTS** for each category which must accompany each entry

**Additional helpful information** is contained in the Reflections Handbook, which you can download from this same web page, specifically:

- Page 16 of the handbook says "Is Your Entry Ready?" - these are some reminders to help you prepare your entry for judging.
- Pages 12 and 13 of the handbook contain information about district, state, and national awards.
- Other parts of the handbook are directed toward Reflections PTA chairpersons, however if you have questions you may find the answer in the handbook (there is a table of contents at the beginning).

**If you are unable to access information online**, please contact us (see contact info below) and we will make arrangements to get Reflections information and forms to you at school or in the mail.

**Entries are due November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Enloe Main Office!**

**If you have any questions about the Reflections Program**, please contact Sharon Gupton ([dgupton@mindspring.com](mailto:dgupton@mindspring.com), 859-4576); Leigh Stallings ([leighstallings@mindspring.com](mailto:leighstallings@mindspring.com), 859-2432); or Kella Hatcher ([hatcher@nc.rr.com](mailto:hatcher@nc.rr.com), 233-5870).

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