



## Theme Search Judging Instructions

**The search is on for a future National PTA Reflections program theme!**

One child's theme search submission will be chosen to inspire the creativity and imagination of thousands of students across the country and in U.S. schools overseas.

Only **five state finalists** will be chosen to advance to the national round and only **one national winner** will be selected in February. The winner's theme will be used the year after next (i.e., the theme is chosen two years in advance).

**Use the considerations and scale below to score each theme submission.**

**Please send your strongest entries to PTA Council of Baltimore County, Reflections Chair at [reflections@bcptacouncil.org](mailto:reflections@bcptacouncil.org) by Wed., November 1, 2023.**

### **Considerations:**

- Theme is **unique**, inspiring and unlike past program themes.
- Theme is **focused** without being too narrow or too broad.
- Theme is **clear**, concise and appropriate for all grade levels.
- Theme is **applicable** to all arts categories.
- Theme **promotes PTA values**.
- Theme is **relevant in 2 years**.
- *Past themes and duplicate entries are not considered.*

### **Score Range:**

- 10 pts Exceptional Theme
- 8 pts Strong Theme
- 6 pts Appropriate Theme
- 4 pts Weak/Basic Theme
- 2 pts Less Appropriate Theme
- 0 pts Disqualified



## Theme Search Entry Form

### The search is on for a future Reflections theme!

National PTA's Reflections program has helped students explore their own thoughts, feelings and ideas, develop artistic literacy, increase confidence and find a love for learning that will help them become more successful in school and in life.

Each year, over 300,000 students in Pre-K through Grade 12 create original works of art in response to a student-selected theme. In response to this theme, students create works of art in one or all the available arts categories: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts.

Help us pick the theme idea that will spark fun and creativity during the 2025—2026 Reflections program! The student who submits the winning entry will receive \$100 prize from National PTA.

Past themes and duplicate submissions are not considered. This means we're looking for the most original theme ideas.

To participate, complete this form and submit to \_\_\_\_\_  
email \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.

### Theme Idea:

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*This box is to be completed by PTA before distribution.*

PTA LEADER NAME \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

PTA ID \_\_\_\_\_ PTA NAME \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL PTA PTA Council of Baltimore County DISTRICT PTA \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_ REGION PTA \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER DUES PAID DATE \_\_\_\_\_ INSURANCE PAID DATE \_\_\_\_\_ BYLAWS APPROVAL DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## Past Program Themes

1969-1970 Reflections: Children and Youth, Mirror Their World

1970-1971 Reflections: Children and Youth, Look to Tomorrow

1971-1972 Reflections: America, The Beautiful, The Ugly

1972-1973 Reflections: This is Our Country

1973-1974 From Sea to Shining Sea

1974-1975 Our Heritage—Our Hopes

1975-1976 Spirit of '76—Miracle of America

1976-1977 What the World Needs Now

1977-1978 Love Is...

1978-1979 Look Out Your Window

1979-1980 Behind the Gates of Tomorrow

1980-1981 What a Family Means to Me

1981-1982 What Makes Me Smile

1982-1983 Life in These United States

1983-1984 I Have a Dream

1984-1985 What Sparks My Imagination

1985-1986 From Liberty's View

1986-1987 In Celebration: A Past to Remember, a Future to Mold

1987-1988 Wonders of the World

1988-1989 Proud Experiences

1989-1990 Where Does the Sky End?

1990-1991 If I Had a Wish

1991-1992 Exploring New Beginnings

1992-1993 Imagine That

1993-1994 If I Could Give the World a Gift

1994-1995 Dare to Discover

1995-1996 Just Open Your Eyes and See

1996-1997 It Could Happen

1997-1998 Wouldn't It Be Great If...

1998-1999 Suddenly You Turn Around And...

1999-2000 Anything is Possible...

2000-2001 It Would be Really Strange If...

2001-2002 I Hold in My Hand...

2002-2003 Signs of Courage

2003-2004 I Am Really Happy When...

2004-2005 A Different Kind of Hero

2005-2006 I Wonder Why...

2006-2007 My Favorite Place

2007-2008 I Can Make a Difference By...

2008-2009 Wow!

2009-2010 Beauty Is...

2010-2011 Together We Can...

2011-2012 Diversity Means...

2012-2013 The Magic of a Moment...

2013-2014 Believe, Dream, Inspire

2014-2015 The World Would Be a Better Place If

2015-2016 Let Your Imagination Fly

2016-2017 What Is Your Story?

2017-2018 Within Reach

2018-2019 Heroes Around Me

2019-2020 Look Within

2020-2021 I Matter Because...

2021-2022 I Will Change the World By...

**2022-2023** Show Your Voice!

**2023-2024** I Am Hopeful Because...

2024-2025 Accepting Imperfection