



PTA Council of Baltimore County's Reflections Guide

Entries Due to PTA Council by December 4, 2026

2026-27 Theme: What My Culture Means to Me

Free State PTA 2026-27 Reflections Handbook:

<https://www.fspta.org/reflections>

Steps to Take and Key Info:

Register: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/26-27ReflectionsReg>

Find your National PTA ID: <https://member.pta.org/Run-Your-PTA/Find-a-PTA>

Age Divisions: Accessible Arts (all grades); Primary (PreK – 2); Intermediate (3-5); Middle School (6-8); High School (9-12)

Art Categories and Accepted Formats:

- **Dance Choreography** entries must be submitted in MP4, MOV, or AVI format.
- **Film Production** entries must be submitted in MP4, MOV, or AVI format.
- **Literature** must be submitted in PDF format.
- **Music Composition** entries must be submitted in MP3 or WAV format. Scores (as required) must be submitted in PDF format.
- **Photography** entries must be submitted in JPEG, JPG or PNG format.
- **Visual Arts** entries must be submitted in JPEG, JPG or PNG format. **Visual Arts is the most competitive category.**

Plan Your Program:

- Establish a timeline for your Reflection Program; **PTA Council must receive entries by 12/4/26.**
- **PTA Council will accept your unit's top three (3) winning entries in each art category and age division.**
- Promote the program to your community.
- Talk to teachers at your school about integrating Reflections into their curriculum.
- Distribute the rules, deadlines, and entry forms to participants.
- Collect the students' entries for judging.
- Organize and host the judging.
- Celebrate the winners.
- Submit winning entries and required forms to PTA Council by 12/4/26.
- Only PTAs in good standing may host the Reflections Program.

Free State PTA Good Standing Requirements:

For students' entries to be accepted by Free State PTA, units need to meet the following four Standards of Affiliation by January 27, 2027. Please let us know if you need help!

- Remit national and state dues to Free State PTA by the dates designated.
- Pay your insurance premium.
- Submit contact information for all elected officers to Free State PTA within two (2) weeks of election or appointment. *(This means updating info in Givebacks.)*
- Submit updated and approved bylaws for review by Free State PTA every three (3) years.

PTA Council Submission Details:

- ***We're working on creating a smooth and standardized submission process. Watch for details!***
- Each student entry must be accompanied by a student entry form, signed by a parent or guardian.
 - Make sure the sections of the entry form that pertain to the arts category in which the student is submitting an entry are filled out.
 - Student entries must include a title and an artist statement, which communicate the artist's inspiration for the work and how it relates to the theme. Judges take this seriously!
 - **"Untitled" is not considered a title.**
 - The statement must describe the content and be at least 10 words but not exceed 100 words.
 - A student may submit entries in more than one arts category and/or multiple entries in a single arts category.