



PTA Reflections Art Contest

It's easy & fun to participate in Reflections:

- 1. Pick your category! You can even submit artwork in multiple categories.**
 - Dance Choreography
 - Music Composition
 - Film Production
 - Photography
 - Literature
 - Visual Arts
- 2. Be sure to fill out an ENTRY FORM and READ THE GUIDELINES/RULES for your category.**
 - Entry form is attached. Additional copies, Official Rules, and guidelines for each category will be available in front of the main office and on the Keller PTA's website.
- 3. Create your masterpiece! (Do NOT use your full name in your artwork. Put in on the BACK.)**
- 4. Tell us how your artwork relates to the theme in your artist's statement.**
 - Remember that your statement is important. It will be read by the judges & is part of your overall score. This year's theme is: *I Feel Hopeful Because ...*
- 5. Turn-in your artwork & your entry form to the box in front of the main office by Friday, December 15th**

*** See the other side for some helpful tips ***

Questions? Please contact the Reflections Co-Chairs:
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Tips for Reflections 2021-22

Theme: *I Feel Hopeful Because ...*

- **DO NOT put your name in your artwork!** Instead, write your name, your grade and your teacher's name **on the BACK** of your artwork. Your full name should not be used anywhere in your artwork (i.e. if you do a film, no names in your title screens) because judging needs to be done anonymously.
- About your **artist's statement**: An adult can help you by talking and thinking with you about your artist's statement but it should be in your own words and handwriting. An adult may transcribe the student's statement onto the entry form if the student has difficulty with handwriting. The artist's statement is important! The judges read your statement and it contributes to your overall score.
- Remember that **you cannot use copyrighted images or characters** in your visual artwork and photography (examples: Mickey Mouse, Iron Man, Despicable Me minions, brand logos etc).
- You may submit only ONE entry per art category. You can submit artwork in any (or all) of the six art categories, but only one submission per category is allowed. In other words, you may not submit two visual arts entries or two film entries, etc.
- **Visual arts**: Here are some important reminders. Review the Official Rules for more details!
 - 2D artwork should not exceed these dimensions: 24" x 30" including matting.
 - The use of ready-to-go craft kits is not allowed. Please email with any questions.
 - 3D artwork must be sturdy and stable enough to be moved without risk of damage.
- **Important Photography rule**: Photo collages will not be accepted. Entries must be a single image. See the Official Rules sheet for more photo rules!
- **Important Film and Photography rule**: The student must be the only person to hold/operate the camera and to perform any alterations to the image/footage (i.e. cropping, colorization, editing, special effects).
- **A tip on Music Composition from Keller music teacher, Mrs. Johnson**: Remember that you can use resources like *noteflight.com* to help you compose your original music. Ask a parent/adult to help you get a free account to use the program.
- **Do you need a consent form?** If your artwork includes the *voice* or *image* of a person you must submit a completed consent form for each person that is featured in the artwork (including yourself if your voice or image is used in the artwork).
- **Special Artist Division options**: Students with special needs have two options for participating so that every student has the chance to be part of the National PTA Reflections program:
 1. Enter in Traditional Grade Divisions (K-2nd and 3rd-5th), or
 2. Enter in the Special Artist Division→ Please refer to the **Special Artist Division** Rules sheet for more info
- Remember that your artwork will be displayed at school and may go on to be displayed at further levels of the competition. If you are not comfortable with sharing your artwork in this manner, please contact the Keller Reflections chairpersons.
- **QUESTIONS?** Contact Tressa Orthmeyer or Jen MacKenzie (keller.pta.reflections@gmail.com) so we can help before you get too far into your creative process.
- **HAVE FUN! BE A RISK-TAKER!**