



## PTA Reflections Program NATIONAL AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

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The national PTA organization gives up to 12 Awards of Excellence in each arts area—up to three in each of the four grade divisions. Up to five Awards of Merit may be given in each grade division of each arts area.

Award of Excellence recipients receive a \$200 cash award and a silver-plated Reflections medallion. Award of Merit recipients receive a silver-plated Reflections medallion. Additional sponsor gifts may be given.

### **Outstanding Interpretation Awards**

Six Outstanding Interpretation Award recipients—one from each arts area—are chosen from among all the Award of Excellence recipients. The Outstanding Interpretation Awards recognize the most creative interpretation of the theme in each of the arts areas, regardless of grade division.

#### **Each of the six Outstanding Interpretation Award recipients receives the following:**

- An expense-paid trip for him/herself and one adult to the PTA National Convention
- An \$800 arts education award from the national PTA organization
- A gold-plated Reflections medallion
- Additional sponsor-related awards

#### **In addition:**

- A \$200 arts education award is given to the student's local PTA by the national PTA organization

### **Notification to Students**

All students whose entries reach the national level of judging will receive a letter of congratulations from the national PTA organization. Recipients of Awards of Excellence and Awards of Merit will be notified in writing by June 1 by their state PTA office. Outstanding Interpretation Award recipients and their state arts chairs will be notified by telephone by the national PTA office in early May. National awards and certificates are mailed after the PTA National Convention, by the end of July.

### **Return of Artwork**

Entries that receive national awards will be featured in the Reflections Program Gallery on the PTA national website. State arts chairs will send original photography and visual arts pieces to the national PTA office for the creation of the gallery. The national PTA office will make every effort to return the photographs and visual artwork by January of 2011, following the completion of the gallery. Some entries may also be chosen to participate in other shows or exhibits. In such cases, the national PTA office will contact the students via mail to inform them of the approximate date of return of their artwork. The national PTA office does not return any literature, musical composition, dance choreography, or film production entries.

### **Contact your state PTA for its artwork return policy.**

Any artworks, awards, or certificates returned to the national PTA office due to insufficient or incorrect addresses will be mailed to the appropriate state office.