

# 2009-2010 National PTA Reflections Program

## LITERATURE RULES

*Theme: "Beauty is..."*

Students must adhere to the General Student Participation Rules as well as the following Literature Rules.

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### Description

A literature entry may be a work of fiction or nonfiction. Prose, poetry, and drama are all accepted. The entry must relate to the current Reflections Program theme. Literature entrants are not to borrow from copyrighted material.

Whether an entry uses a variety of techniques or a simple approach, it will be judged primarily on how well the student uses his or her artistic vision to portray the theme. A well-developed concept is more important than technique.

### Dictation and typing

- Students may have their entries typed by another person as long as the original work or a copy of the original work is attached.
- Students who are physically challenged or students in kindergarten or 1st grade may dictate to another person who may type or write down the original work.
- **Transcribers should make every attempt to retain the same level of language and accuracy that is reflected in the student's original work.**

### Translation

- Students for whom English is not their first language may submit literature entries in their own language. **An interpretive translation must accompany the entry.**
- **Translators should make every attempt to retain the same level of language and accuracy that is reflected in the student's original work.**

### Presentation

- Entries must not exceed 2,000 words.
  - One original and two copies of the entry are to be submitted.
  - Entries may be handwritten or typed, either on a typewriter or with a computer.
  - Illustrated entries, including "books," with pictures drawn by the student are acceptable; however, only literary content is judged.
  - Collections of poems or short stories are not accepted. A student may make submit more than one work, but each one must be submitted separately.
  - Entries are to reflect grade-appropriate grammar, punctuation, and spelling.
  - Format:
    - Submit entries on any kind of paper, not to exceed 8½ inches by 11 inches in size.
    - Submit the original and two copies in a manila file folder with the Student Entry Form stapled to the back of the folder, or place all of the materials in a clear sheet protector.
    - Do not mount entries.
    - Do not submit entries with text on both sides of the page.
    - Write the student's name on the back of each page in case pages become separated.**
  - Number all pages.
- Include the title and required artist statement on the Student Entry Form. If the entry has no title, please write "Untitled".