

National PTA Reflections Program

NATIONAL AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

National Awards

National PTA gives out 12 Awards of Excellence in each arts area—three for each grade division. 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 of the Award of Excellence recipients. The six Outstanding Interpretation Awards recognize the most creative interpretation of the theme in each of the arts areas, regardless of grade division.

The six Outstanding Interpretation Award recipients receive the following:

- An expense-paid trip for themselves and one adult to the National PTA Convention
- A \$800 arts education award from National PTA
- 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 National PTA.
- Recipients of the Award of Excellence and the Award of Merit will be notified in writing by June 1.
- Outstanding Interpretation Award recipients and their State arts chairs will be notified by their State PTA office by telephone in early May by the National PTA Office.
- National PTA awards and certificates are mailed after the National PTA Convention, by the end of July.

Return of artwork

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

Plagiarism

Unfortunately plagiarism is not uncommon. These entries should be disqualified and returned to the student. The discovery and consequences for the student and his/her family should be dealt with by the arts chair and the local unit.