

RULES-IN-BRIEF

2009-2010 National PTA Reflections Program

“Beauty is...”

Literature: Must be handwritten or typed by the student on any paper not to exceed 8 1/2 x 11 inches in size. (Grade 1 and younger and Special Education students may be assisted without altering child's words.) Work must be no more than 2,000 words. Could be: poem, play, short story, essay, etc. Literature projects may be in student's native language but must be translated into English without altering the student's expression. Entries must reflect grade appropriate grammar, punctuation and spelling. All pages should be numbered with student's name on the back of every sheet and placed in a plastic sleeve along with completed student entry form.

Musical Composition: Score with or without words on 8 1/2 x 11" paper (11 x 17" paper for band or orchestra.) Notes on staff paper, purchased, hand drawn or computer generated. Music must be recorded on a CD and cannot exceed five (5) minutes in length. Grades 5 and younger may have help with music notation or submit iconic (made up) notation. Grades 6 and up must have music notation without help. Student does not have to play music for the recording but must state who did on entry form. Place CD and score in a large envelope.

Place the entry form in a clear protective sleeve and attach it to the outside using masking tape. Listen to the CD on standard CD player to make sure it recorded properly.

Photography: Photography up to 11 x 14 inches (including mat). Photography may be black and white or color. The student must snap the photograph using any still camera. A student may submit a photo, collage, retouched print, multiple exposure, etc.

Visual Arts: Artwork can be up to 20 x 24 inches in size, or smaller (Full size poster board is 22 x 28 – suggestion – cut 10" off the end and make the artwork 18 x 22). This is an ILPTA requirement.

Completed project must be flat. Do not glue on anything that will not be completely flat on your paper. Could be: drawing, painting, printmaking, collage, etc. **Artwork that is framed or on stretched canvas will be disqualified.**

Dance/ Choreography: Entries must be recorded on DVD or CD not to exceed three (3) minutes.

Artist statements must be stated at the beginning of performance and is not included in the 3 minute limit. Choreography must be the work of one student who may or may not be one of a maximum of 3 performers. If costumes are used, the choreographer must create them as well. Save DVD as a file, not a movie and watch it on a standard DVD player to make sure it can be viewed in this format. Place DVD in a large envelope. Place entry form in a plastic sleeve and attach it to outside of envelope with masking tape.

Film/Video Production: Student must be the director, screenwriter and cameraperson. Can be fiction or nonfiction, with or without sound, animated or computer generated. All aspects of the film must be done by the student. Entries must be recorded on DVD or CD and are limited to five (5) minutes. Save DVD as a file, not a movie, and watch it on a standard DVD player to make sure it can be viewed in this format. Place DVD in a large envelope. Place entry form in a plastic sleeve and attach it to outside of envelope with masking tape.

Film and Dance entries should be submitted in one of the following formats: .MPG/.MPEG, .MOV/QT (Quick Time Video), .WMV (Windows Media Video)

General Rules

1. All projects must be the original work of **ONE student** Projects advancing to the next PTA level must have a signed statement of originality granting permission to the National PTA and Illinois PTA to use their work. Student and parent/guardian signatures **must** be included on each "Student Entry Form," which should be attached to the entry with masking tape only.

2. Each project **MUST** express the theme - "Beauty is..."

3. Work should be titled and clearly express the theme. If untitled, please mark it "Untitled."

4. Students are **required** to submit an artist statement to describe what inspired their work and how it relates to the theme.

5. Work should be neat. Keep work from becoming wrinkled or torn.

6. Projects must include student's name, grade and class on the **back** of the project (NOT ON THE FRONT)

7. Students may enter more than once in each category.

8. All projects must be received on or before the end of school _____