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***All participants must also follow General Rules for Participation.***

### **Description**

Literature entries may be a work of fiction or nonfiction. Prose, poetry and drama are all accepted. The entry must relate to the current National PTA Reflections® Program theme. 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.

### **Presentation & Format**

- Entries must not exceed 2,000 words.
- Entries may be handwritten or typed.
- Include page numbers & include student name on back of each page.
- 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.
- Entries are to reflect grade-appropriate grammar, punctuation and spelling.

### **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 in pre-school, kindergarten or 1st grade may dictate to another person who may print or type exact words as spoken by the student.
- 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 in English 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.

**Submission Instructions: *Follow your State PTA guidelines regarding required submission format.***

#### **A. Paper format of literary entry:**

- Submit literature works on 8.5 x 11 paper.
- Submit envelope to your PTA Reflections Chair containing two paper copies of literature entry and student entry form.

#### **B. Electronic format of literary entry:**

- Save electronic file on a CD not exceeding 1 GB (one gigabyte) in file size.
  - Acceptable file formats for **typed literature documents**: DOC, DOCX, PDF, PPT, PPTX
  - Acceptable file format for **hand written literature documents**: PDF
- Label with the title of your artwork, arts category, and division.
- Submit envelope to your PTA Reflections Chair containing your CD and student entry form.