

FILM PRODUCTION RULES AND GUIDELINES

Theme: "Together We Can"

Deadline: _____

Review or download complete rules and tips for quality recordings at www.wastatepta.org/Programs/Reflections

GENERAL RULES:

Theme: Only new pieces of artwork inspired by the theme are acceptable.

Artwork: All artwork must be the original work of ONE student only. An adult may not alter student's work or its creative integrity.

Eligibility: Students must participate in the Reflections Program through a PTA/PTSA in good standing.

Grade Divisions: Students must enter the Reflections Program in the appropriate grade or age division as indicated on the entry form.

Children With Disabilities: There is no special division for children with disabilities. Each local unit and council may establish guidelines for placing a child's artwork in the grade/age division that best matches the child's developmental age. Direct additional questions to the Reflections Chair at your school.

Number of Entries: Each local unit and council may limit the number of entries a student may submit. Direct additional questions to the Reflections Chair at your school.

Judging: All entries are judged on artistic merit, creativity, and interpretation of the theme.

Return of Artwork: Visual Arts and Photography entries will be returned to students. Literature, Dance Choreography, Music Composition and Film Production entries are not returned – please keep a copy.

Copyrighted Material: Use of copyrighted material is prohibited, including cartoon characters and other such material.

Plagiarism: Plagiarism is defined as taking and using another person's ideas, writings or inventions as one's own. Plagiarized entries will be disqualified.

Entry Form: All entries require a completed entry form signed by the entrant and parent/guardian, unless entrant is 18 years or older. Entry form must be on WHITE paper and completely filled out. Write legibly with BLACK or BLUE ink only. Use only WSPTA approved entry form (available at www.wastatepta.org/Programs/Reflections or from your local PTA).

Parent/Guardian Consent Form: All entries require a completed and signed Parent/Guardian Consent form for EACH person under the age of 18 years who appears, performs, or whose name appears in a Reflections entry, whether or not that person is the entrant. Consent form must be on WHITE paper.

FILM PRODUCTION:

Acceptable forms of film: Original works of fiction or nonfiction, with or without sound. Student submitting the entry must be the director, screenwriter, and camera person. Student is not required to appear in the film. If student appears in the film, a camera on a tripod must be used. All story boarding, editing, etc. must be done by the student.

Categories of film entries:

Animation: May be drawn, created from a collection of objects, clay, torn paper, etc., or computer-generated.

Narrative: A story told through the images created on film or computer (this is not the same as storyteller narrating).

Documentary: Nonfiction documentation using narration, facts and images.

Experimental: Film explores movement, light and montage.

Media presentations using computers: Computer-generated media presentations must be completely original, and the student must do all the work. Cutting and pasting is not permitted. PowerPoint presentations will NOT be accepted. Software should be used only to enhance and present the work of the student.

PRESENTATION CHECKLIST:

- ___ Entry may not exceed 5 minutes in length.
- ___ Submit entry on DVD. Submit TWO copies of DVD. Do not write protect DVD.
- ___ Must be in one of the following formats: .MPG/.MPEG; .MOV/.QT (Quicktime); .WMV (Windows Media Video)
- ___ Save as a FILE on the disc – NOT ASA DVD MOVIE (entry will be disqualified)
- ___ Submit DVD in a plastic container; identify both the DVD and container with the student's name, grade division, state and year.
- ___ Pack the DVD in a large envelope.
- ___ Entry form completely filled out:
 - ___ Grade, Age, Grade Division, Arts Area
 - ___ Artist Statement (required)
 - ___ Indicate who appeared in the film
 - ___ If a computer was used, indicate the name of software and hardware.
 - ___ Credit title, composer and performer of any background music.
 - ___ Name, Address, Phone, Parent's E-mail
 - ___ Both student and parent must sign entry form, unless student is 18 years or older.
 - ___ PTA Information completed by PTA Reflections Chair
 - ___ Reflections Parent/Guardian Consent Form filled out and signed.
- ___ Staple completed entry and consent forms to outside of envelope.
- ___ Turn entry in to Reflections Chair no later than deadline.