

WSPTA has a long and proud tradition of great [awards and student programs](#).

Have you ever wondered how these awards and student programs are judged?

- WSPTA utilizes volunteer judges for all its programs and awards.
- Volunteer judges are provided with resources and training to allow them to do their best work.
- There is a judging rubric for awards and programs, which can be found on the WSPTA website ([Awards of Excellence](#), [Reflections](#)).
- WSPTA works to find judges with experience within the programs they are judging. For example, for the various Awards of Excellence we look for judges that have deep experience with PTA. For Reflections, we look for volunteers who enjoy the arts. For example, we have had college students judging Reflections from the University of Washington Arts Department and Seattle Pacific University Music Therapy Department.
- All judging is done by more than one judge, and the scores are averaged.
- Award committee chairs and the Program Director handle any final decisions and tie breakers.
- Council or local PTA representatives who may be WSPTA volunteer judges do not judge entries from their own PTAs.
- To eliminate any potential bias, judges cannot see where an entry is from or any contact information; they only know what category they are judging.
- A student of a local PTA, council, or WSPTA board member may still apply for awards as long as they meet the criteria, including that they must have a PTA at the school they attend.

If you are interested in judging or have questions about judging, please contact the WSPTA Program Director at ptaprokdir@wastatepta.org.