



Councils are required to offer a Reflections program and judge entries before entries are sent to WSPTA. Reflections program leader resources can be found on the WSPTA website under the Program heading, Reflections--PTA Leaders subheading. **If your council is unable to host a Reflections program, please let WSPTA Programs Director and WSPTA Reflections chair know ASAP.**

- The due date for Reflections entries to be received by the WSPTA office for councils is **January 14, 2027**. Local PTAs that are part of a council will need to submit by their council's designated due date.
- Communicate the deadline your council has established for artwork to be submitted from local PTAs (usually mid-November to December) and share with local PTAs and school community. Count backwards from the WSPTA deadline when determining yours. Leave yourself enough time for judging.
- **Inform WSPTA Reflections chair of your council's deadline.**
- Identify how many entries your council can advance to state (usually based on the number of PTAs you have participate).

# PTAs participating in Reflections		# entries accepted at WSPTA
1-3	15 + 6 elem AA & 6 sec AA	
4-9	22 + 6 elem AA + 6 sec AA	
10-14	30 + 6 elem AA + 6 sec AA	
15-19	36 + 6 elem AA + 6 sec AA	*Or 20% of entries (not incl.
20-24	48 + 6 elem AA + 6 sec AA	AA,) whichever is greater
25-29	54 + 6 elem AA + 6 sec AA	*
30+	62 + 6 elem AA + 6 sec AA	*
Councils can now submit 6 elementary accessible arts (AA) and 6 secondary AA		

- Share with local PTAs and school community, the method for collecting those submissions (in-person collection, Google Drive, etc.)
- Share with local PTAs and school community, Reflections theme search information. **No theme search for 2026-27 as National updates the program.** Normally students submit theme entries directly to WSPTA via online form by November 1 each year.
- Share dates of Reflections training presentations offered by WSPTA and National PTA with your local PTAs and school community. WSPTA Reflections leader training will be **September 17 at 6:30pm** and repeated **October 3 at 9:30am**. The September training will also be recorded and uploaded to the WSPTA website.
- Establish a process for judging the submissions (ideas for who to ask to judge, helpful tips for judging, thanking judges, if applicable). WSPTA Reflections Leaders Resource page includes an updated judging packet.
- **Attend a WSPTA virtual training session on December 5, 2026, at 9:30am or January 7, 2027, at 7pm for new Kaleidoscope award management submission system (AMS).** *
- Electronically submit your winning council entries into the WSPTA award management submission system (AMS) before the WSPTA deadline. **Remember that student's FULL name**

should not appear or be announced anywhere on the artwork including opening/ending credits!

- Establish a communications plan for announcing the results of your judging and for celebrating all your local artists (social media posts, slideshows, art walks). Don't forget a pre-approved budget for celebration (awards, refreshments, venue rental, etc.). Reserve venue well ahead of time.
- Confirm the details for submitting your finalists to WSPTA (*attend trainings that are offered as needed regarding submission process) and what they should communicate to finalists about this process (what artists can expect – artwork on display at WSPTA convention, etc.).
- Share details of WSPTA Student Programs Celebration with finalists. Event will be Sunday, May 23, 2027, in Lynnwood.
- Coordinate retrieval of certificates and awards from WSPTA Reflections Chair if finalists or council delegate didn't attend the Programs Celebration. Since the 2026-27 event occurs after convention, remaining awards will be mailed to students.
- Celebrate any WSPTA Reflections winners from your council by sharing through social media posts, and other communications.
- Coordinate retrieval of state participation ribbons (if you want these let state chair know) and any remaining finalist awards from WSPTA Reflections Chair after convention has ended and if you received actual entries at council level, return artwork to your local PTA Reflections chairs.
- Consider joining the WSPTA Reflections committee. You will be able to learn more about our state rules and be able to get program updates before the public.

New for 2026-27

- New **Kaleidoscope award management submission system (AMS)**
- WSPTA specific entry form (slightly different than the National PTA form so make sure you are using the correct one).
- Updated reviewer/judging guide (tried to make it easier for judges to determine what points an entry can earn in each area)

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