



2026–2027

# What My **CULTURE** Means to Me

Explore  
the arts  
and  
express  
yourself!

A National PTA<sup>®</sup>  
Arts Recognition  
Program for Students  
Pre-K through Grade 12  
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Create an **original** work of art **inspired** by this year's theme!

## 6 WAYS TO CREATE



### DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY

An original  
dance  
choreography



### FILM PRODUCTION

Animation, narrative,  
documentary,  
experimental &  
more



### LITERATURE

Poetry, fiction,  
nonfiction, prose,  
drama, short  
stories & more



### MUSIC COMPOSITION

Original musical  
composition,  
with or without  
words



### PHOTOGRAPHY

Color or  
black & white  
photography



### VISUAL ARTS

Drawing, painting,  
collages, ceramics  
and more

### HOW IT WORKS

- ✓ Students create original works of art in response to the theme.
- ✓ Entries are judged on creative ability and interpretation of the theme.
- ✓ Start at your local PTA/PTSA and entries may advance to council, state and National PTA levels



Entries are judged against others in the same grade division.

### GRADE DIVISIONS

- PRIMARY:** Pre-K – Grade 2
- INTERMEDIATE:** Grades 3 – 5
- MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Grades 6 – 8
- HIGH SCHOOL:** Grades 9 – 12

(For artists needing accessible accommodations to participate please let your local PTSA know.)

### WHY PARTICIPATE?

- ★ Explore their own thoughts, feelings & ideas
- ★ Develop artistic literacy
- ★ Increase confidence
- ★ Find a love for learning that will help them succeed in school and in life!



**ONLY STUDENTS THAT ATTEND A SCHOOL WITH A PTA/PTSA CAN PARTICIPATE.**

Any PTA/PTSA in good standing may sponsor the program. Students may only submit entries through a PTA/PTSA.

Parent groups not affiliated with National PTA are not eligible to sponsor this program.

**LET YOUR CULTURE SHINE. SHARE YOUR STORY, INSPIRE THE WORLD!**

Learn more and get involved: [PTA.org/Reflections](https://PTA.org/Reflections)