



50th NATIONAL PTA[®] REFLECTIONS[®]



VISUAL ARTS include many art forms that are visual in nature. The artist (student submitting entry) is a person who captures their own thoughts and ideas to create a visual piece of art.

2018-2019 Theme: Heroes Around Me

Works of both fine and design arts are accepted, including, but not limited to: architectural drawing or models, ceramics, collage, computer generated images and graphics, crafts, drawing, fashion clothes and jewelry, fiber work, mixed media, painting, printmaking, and sculpture.

Originality: Only new pieces of artwork inspired by the theme may be submitted. Reproductions or enlargements of other artwork are not accepted. Each entry must be the original work of one student only.

An explanation of the art form might be a useful addition to the artist statement. However, only the artist statement from the official entry form will be used for the National level of the competition. Whether an entry displays use of formal technique or a simple approach, it will be judged primarily on how well the student uses his or her artistic vision to portray the theme, originality and creativity.

Copyright: Use of copyrighted material, including any copyrighted cartoon characters or likeness thereof, is not acceptable in any visual arts submission, with the following exceptions:

- Visual artwork may include public places, well-known products, trademarks or certain other copyrighted material as long as that copyrighted material is incidental to the subject matter of the piece and/or is a smaller element of a whole. The resulting work cannot try to establish an association between the student and the trademark/business/material, or influence the purchase/non-purchase of the trademarked good.
- Visual arts collages may include portions of existing copyrighted works, such as photographs, magazine clippings, internet images and type cut out of a newspaper, as long as those portions of copyrighted works are used to create a completely new and different work of art.

Presentation: Framed artwork and artwork containing loose materials is not accepted. Matting is accepted. Include one digital image of artwork with your submission (see 3D for exception).

- 2D artwork (e.g. painting) must be mounted on sturdy material and no larger than 24x30 inches with matting.
- 3D artwork (e.g. sculpture) You are not required to submit the actual artwork. Three digital photos of the entry must be submitted (a combination of angles) for judging, identification and exhibition purposes
- Digital photo(s) of artwork: Must be at least 640 x 960 (pixels) and 300 dpi (resolution)
- Accepted file formats: JPEG, JPG, GIF, PNG

Packaging:

- Label back of artwork and photo file(s) with your State, Arts Category, Grade Division, Last Name, First Name (Example: VA.VISARTS.PRI.SMITH.JOHN).
- Submit artwork and student entry form according to your local PTA's instructions.