



# “Beauty is . . .”

2009–2010 PTA Reflections Program | VISUAL ARTS

Students must adhere to the General Student Participation Rules as well as the following Visual Arts Rules.

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## Description

A visual arts entry must be an original print, drawing, painting, collage, photographic collage, metal etching or punch work, fiber work, or computer-generated artwork that relates to the current Reflections Program theme.

Whether an entry uses a variety of techniques or a simple approach, it will be judged primarily on how well the student uses his or her artistic vision to portray the theme. A well-developed concept is more important than technique.

## Presentation

- All art must be flat and may not be more than 3/8 inch thick. This includes all two-dimensional materials and images, including small, flat items (such as string, fabric, and screening) that have maximum surface contact with the face of the image. Nothing three-dimensional (noodles, beans, beads, boxes, etc.) may extend off the surface of a work.
- No art may exceed 24 inches by 30 inches, including a mat.
- Entries may be submitted on paper, canvas board, cardboard, hot or cold pressboard, or canvas (not to exceed 3/8-inch thickness).
- Mount all paper or canvas entries on sturdy cardboard mats, but not in wood, metal, plastic, or glass frames.
- Protecting the work with butcher paper taped to the back so that it will flap over the front is highly recommended.
- Do not laminate. It will permanently damage the surface of the artwork.
- Place the Student Entry Form in a sheet protector and secure it with masking tape to the back of the artwork so that it is still accessible and can be removed from the protector for photocopying.
- Include the title and required artist statement on the Student Entry Form. If the entry has no title, please write “Untitled.”

## Required Information

On the Student Entry Form, give the dimensions of the piece (including any mat) and describe the medium (crayons, oil on canvas, etc.).

## Works Not Accepted

- Sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, and other three-dimensional artwork
- Reproductions\* or enlargements of other artwork

\*Exceptions: Seniors will be allowed to submit a high quality digital print of their artwork. They must contact the State Office at 1-800-TALK PTA or at [programs@txpta.org](mailto:programs@txpta.org) for details.

## Use of Copyrighted Material

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

Visual artworks 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. A collage should be judged for its whole, not by its parts, and whether the resulting work stands as a creative, *original* work of art on its own.