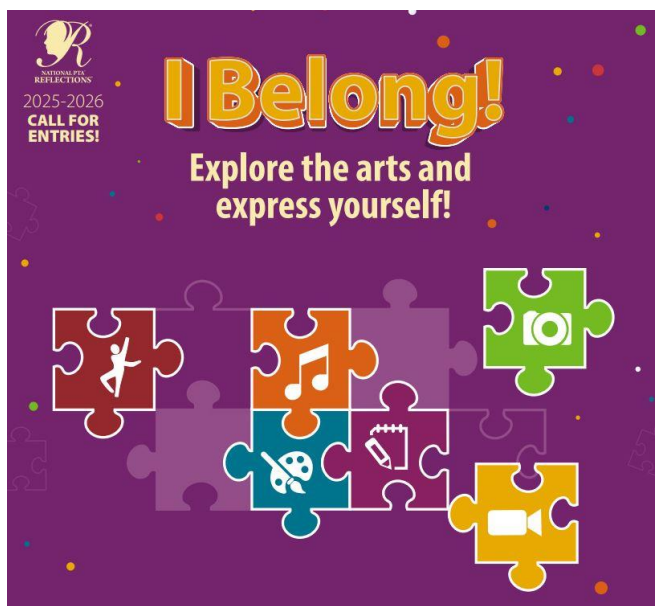




## ABOUT PTA REFLECTIONS

The National PTA Reflections program encourages students of all ages and abilities to explore and be involved in the arts in an educational way. Through the program, PTAs across the country urge students to create and submit original works of art in the medium of their choice, reflecting on a specific theme.

**The theme this year (2025-26) for Reflections is "I Belong"** Each entry will include an artist statement for the students to elaborate on how their work relates to the theme.

Students can create work in **six mediums**: **Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography and Visual Arts.** There also is a special artist division to provide all students with the opportunity to participate.

## KEY DATES

**OCTOBER 15**

School Deadline  
(suggested)

We recommend a **school deadline** for Reflections entries of Friday, October 15 or sometime that week. This will allow time for you to have the work judged and the winners to be submitted to the district. (You can also host an exhibit of the entries and winners if you want.)

**NOVEMBER 2**

District Deadline

The **deadline for the winners to be submitted at the district** (SMSD or SMAC) level is Saturday, November 2. We will be collecting work through a Google Drive site (digital files) and a drop off location to be determined.

**DECEMBER (TBD)**

District Open House

School-winning **work will be displayed and the district winners announced in an Open House** from 6:00-8:00 on Thursday, December 5 (tentative date) at the Center for Academic Achievement. This is a special event you will not want to miss. The student work will stay on display through January 2025 when the Award of Excellence winners are honored.

**JANUARY (TBD)**

SM BOE Reception  
& Recognition

District winners will be **honored with a ceremony and reception** in January 2025 at the Center for Academic Achievement. The ceremony preceeds the board meeting and the reception follows. Families, school principals and PTA leaders are encouraged to attend this event to honor the student artists.

## RESOURCES

Here is the link to **Reflections resources on the new SMAC website**:  
<https://www.smac-pta.org/reflections>

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