

# PTA Reflections Program

## **Sample Judging Rubric**

All entries should be judged on artistic merit, creativity, mastery of the medium, and, weighted most heavily, interpretation of the theme.

**5pts**

### **Interpretation of Theme**

How closely the piece relates to the theme, based on the artwork itself and the artist statement

**3pts**

### **Artistic Merit/Creativity**

How creative and original the piece is in its conception of the theme and its presentation

**2pts**

### **Mastery of Medium**

The level of skill demonstrated in the basic principles/techniques of the arts area

With this rubric, each entry would have a total of no more than 10 possible points from each judge. Add the points from each judge and rank the artwork accordingly.

Name of Entry

Interpretation of Theme

Artistic Merit/Creativity

Mastery of Medium

**Total Points**

## **Establishing Judging Dates**

Establish judging dates based on your student submission deadline, the deadline for submitting entries to the next level of judging, and the number of entries you expect to receive. If your unit participates in all six arts areas of the Reflections Program, expect to need at least two weeks for the judging process, and another two to three weeks to prepare artwork for the next level of judging.

## **Recruiting Judges**

All judges should have a working knowledge of their assigned arts area. Sources of judges might include:

- Art, literature, dance, film, journalism, and music educators  
college/university professors
- Teachers from other schools participating in the Reflections Program
- Art museum directors, docents, curators, or historians
- Professional photographers and local artists
- Local symphony orchestra or choral directors, musicians, conductors, or composers
- Local dance conservatories, dance studios, ballets, or theaters
- Local multimedia/video production companies
- Newspaper journalists, editors, or photographers
- Local television stations
- Arts advocacy organization presidents or directors

(As a point of reference, the national PTA office has a minimum of one judge per grade division in each arts area. In addition to the judging rubric, give the judges the participation and arts area rules.)

Inviting professionals in the arts or influential community leaders to participate in the Reflections Program judging, increases the exposure of your PTA, its work, and the wonderful benefits students derive from participating in the arts.

Remember to recognize judges in promotions and thank them for their participation. Some PTAs provide each judge with a small gift or certificate of appreciation.