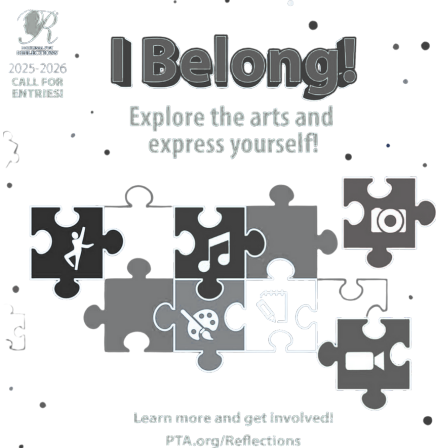


OHIO PTA REFLECTIONS

Art Contest | Theme: "I Belong"



The National PTA Reflections program encourages students of **all ages and abilities** to explore and be involved in the arts. Students are encouraged to create and submit original works of art in the medium of their choice - **dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography, and visual arts** - reflecting on the specific theme, **"I Belong!"**. There also is a **special artist division** option for students with disabilities to ensure that all students have the opportunity to participate in the program. Students are recognized each year for their artistic ingenuity to bring the theme to life in a way that is personal and meaningful.

RULES:

- Each entry must be the original work of one student only.
- A student may create their entry inside or outside of school.
- A student may submit entries in more than one category.
- Each entry must be accompanied by a completed and signed Student Entry Form.
- Student entries must include a title and artist statement that communicates their inspiration for the work and how it relates to this year's theme "I Belong."

Some books to read related to the theme:

(Click the titles for read alouds on YOUTUBE)

[You Really Truly Do Belong](#)
[A little Spot of Belonging](#)
[A Kids Book About Belonging](#)
[All Are Welcome](#)



About the THEME!

How does it feel to belong?

Loved
Safe

What does it mean to belong?

Connected
Fit in



How can you make others feel like they belong?

Being Kind
Smile
Wave
Say "hello"
Check in with them.
Ask "How are you?"
Offer help.

Who Belongs?

Friends
Family
Teammates
Classmates
Groups
Neighbors
Community
Members

Entries Due by Tuesday December 9, 2025

Artwork may be sent to school with your student or dropped off at the main office.

If you have any questions, please contact your PTA Unit Reflections Chair.

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OHIO PTA REFLECTIONS

Category Guidelines 2025-2026 | I Belong!

DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY

Accepted Artwork Types:

- original solo and ensemble works of all dance styles submitted

Accepted File Type: MP4, MOV, AVI
Accepted File Size: 1,000 megabyte
Accepted File Length: 5 minutes or less

**Special Notes:**

- Entrant must be the choreographer
- Entrant may be a/the performer
- Any music used must be credited on entry form

Accepted Artwork Types:

- animation, narrative, documentary, experimental, or media presentation

FILM PRODUCTION

Accepted File Type: MP4, MOV, AVI
Accepted File Size: 1,000 megabyte
Accepted File Length: 5 minutes or less

**Special Notes:**

- Entrant must be the screenwriter, cinematographer, editor, and producer
- PowerPoint is prohibited
- Any music used must be credited on entry form

LITERATURE

Accepted Artwork Types:

- fiction and nonfiction, prose, poetry, reflective essay, screen play and play script, narrative, & short story

Accepted File Type: Single-sided print on 8 1/2x11" paper
or PDF file
Accepted File Length: 2000 words or less

**Special Notes:**

- Handwritten or typed
- Use of copyrighted material is prohibited
- Any primary language may be used as long as an interpretive English translation is attached

Accepted Artwork Types:

- all music styles and combinations of instrumentation

MUSIC COMPOSITION

Accepted File Type: MP3 or WAV
Accepted File Size: 1,000 megabyte
Accepted File Length: Audio recording of 5 minutes or less
Middle/High School: PDF of notation (score/tabature),
or reflective statement

**Special Notes:**

- Entrant must be the composer
- Entrant may be a/the performer
- Use of copyrighted material is prohibited
- If writing a reflective statement, it must be 100 words or less

PHOTOGRAPHY

Accepted Artwork Types:

- single print or digital image, multiple exposure, negative sandwich, & photogram

Accepted Print Dimensions: 3x5 to 8x10 inches
Mat/Mounting Dimensions: Up to 11x14 inches
Accepted File Type: JPEG, JPG, and PNG
Accepted File Size: 640x960 pixels and 300 dpi

**Special Notes:**

- Entrant must be the photographer
- Collages and photo collections are prohibited
- Framed prints are prohibited
- Use of copyrighted material is prohibited
- May use digital editing techniques

Accepted Artwork Types: • Architecture, Carpentry, Ceramics, Sculpture, Digital Art/Graphics, Jewelry, Collages, Illustrations, Crafts, Dioramas, Fiber Craft, Printmaking, & Paintings

VISUAL ARTS

Accepted File Size: 2D entries must be 24x30
inches or less including mat
Accepted File Type: JPEG, JPG, and PNG
3D Entries: May enter 3 different photos of artwork

**Special Notes:**

- 2D artworks must be mounted on sturdy material
- Use of copyrighted material is prohibited
- Framed works are prohibited

ACCESSIBLE ARTS

Students identified as having a disability and may receive services under IDEA or ADA: Section 504.

