

2011-12 Reflections Program

Theme is “Diversity Means”

Reflections is: Creativity expressed through the arts. **The works are judged by their creativity, originality and mastery of media, but most importantly on interpretation of theme.**

Categories for Entry are:

- LITERATURE
- MUSIC COMPOSITION
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- VISUAL ARTS
- DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY
- FILM / VIDEO PRODUCTION

DUE DATE: Turn in to your homeroom teacher **in no later than 8:00 a.m. Friday, October 21, 2011.**

What are the Rules?



Each student must fill in an *official entry form* that is signed by a parent or guardian and secured to their work. Parents, friends, and teachers cannot help you. Your project must be yours alone. Be sure to explain how your work relates to the “Diversity Means” theme! This is very helpful to the judges. **NEW THIS YEAR- If your film, photograph, or dance has the likeness of another student under 18 years of age you must submit a Consent Form.**

The following are *basic* rules. Detailed instructions are available with the official entry forms. All forms and rules may also be found online at: **<http://www.txpta.org/programs/reflections>**

What about Literature? Remember the theme!

- Think about “Diversity Means” and what the theme means to you. Be creative.
- Your entry can be fiction, nonfiction, poetry, drama, song lyric (words), or a story.
- The entry must be shorter than 2,000 words on any kind of paper, not to exceed 8½ by 11.
- Write on **one side only** and put your name on the **back of each page. DO NOT MOUNT entries.**
- Place 3 copies of your entry in a manila file folder with your *entry form stapled at the top only* - of the *back* of the folder on the *outside*.
- If you have questions about how to present your entry, please let us know. .



What about Music Composition?



- Original composition with or without lyrics.
- 5 minutes or shorter submitted in CD format (submit 2 copies in plastic or cardboard holders).
- Students are not required to perform their own composition.
- Notation required for grades six (6) through twelve (12). See rules for details.
- Put your name, grade, school and state on the CD and the holder.
- Place 2 copies of CD (in holder) in a large envelope
- Secure the entry form on the outside of the envelope with masking tape.

What about Photography?

- Original black-and-white or color image or a group of images, produced by a photographic process.
- Images may be manipulated conventionally or digitally.
- Should demonstrate proper techniques such as depth of field and exposure
- **No larger than 11"x14" including mat** (no frames).
- Mount all prints on a cardboard mat, poster board, or some other sturdy material.
- **DO NOT** add graphics over the image and **NO WORDS** or lettering!
- Secure entry form on the back in a page protector (plastic sleeve) with masking tape; print your name, grade, school and state on the **back** of the artwork.



What about Visual Arts?

- An original print, drawing, painting, collage, photographic collage, metal etching or punch work, fiber work, or computer-generated artwork.
- All entries must be flat and not exceed $\frac{3}{8}$ ". Work must be 2-dimensional.
- Sculpture will **NOT** be accepted.
- Entries can be **no larger than 24"x30" including mat**.
- Mount all paper or canvas entries on sturdy cardboard mats, but **not** in wooden, metal, plastic or glass frames. Do not exceed $\frac{3}{8}$ " thickness!
- **DO NOT** put your name on the front and limit the words and writing on your piece.
- Secure entry form on the back in page protector (plastic sleeve) with masking tape; print your name, grade, school and state on **back** of the artwork.



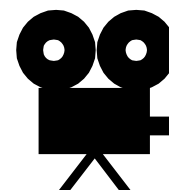
What about Dance Choreography?

- Original choreographed dance composition from 2 to 5 (max.) minutes, and recorded on DVD or CD. Provide 2 copies.
- Up to 3 performers are allowed; the choreographer does not have to be a performer. Costumes are not necessary, but if used, see rules for details.
- Acceptable file formats include: .MPG / .MPEG; .MOV / .QT; or .WMV and should be saved as a DVD / CD file, **not** as a DVD / CD movie.
- On the entry form, list dance performer(s) names & details of background music (include song title, composer, and song performer name).
- Label the DVD or CD and plastic or cardboard holder with your name, grade, school, and state.
- Place in large envelope; and secure the entry form outside with masking tape.



What about Film Production?

- Original work of fiction or non-fiction in the categories of animation, narrative, documentary, experimental, or media presentations (see rules for details).
- You must be the director, screenwriter and cameraperson. If you want to be in the production, you may use a tripod for the camera.
- Entries may not exceed 5 minutes; they must be recorded on DVD or CD.
- Acceptable file formats include: .MPG / .MPEG; .MOV / .QT; or .WMV and should be saved as a DVD / CD file, **not** as a DVD / CD movie. Provide 2 copies.
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Still have Questions? Contact Laurie Osborn 972-741-1090 or laurie.osborn@me.com

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