
All participants must also follow General Rules for Participation.

Description

A dance choreography entry must be an original choreographed dance. The choreography must be the work of one student and must demonstrate creativity and interpretation of the current National PTA Reflections® Program theme.

The choreographer may be the performer or one of the performers, but the choreographer does not have to perform in the entry.

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. Therefore, it is very important that the student show a clear relation of the dance choreography to the theme. The connection should be made evident through the use of song(s), props, and the dance itself.

Traditional Dance: The modification of the steps and the interpretation of the dance are considered when judging a traditional dance for creativity and/or originality. An explanation of the origin of the dance and/or the significance of the choreography might be a useful addition to the artist statement when submitting a dance choreography entry that involves traditional, cultural or regional dances.

Presentation & Format

- ◆ Use of copyrighted music in dance choreography is acceptable when the title, composer and performer of any music in the submission are cited on the student entry form.
- ◆ DVD of dance performance must not exceed 5 minutes in length and 1GB (one gigabyte) in file size.
- ◆ Accepted file formats include: AVI, MOV, MPG, MPEG, WMV, FLV

Tips for Audio/Visual Quality

- ◆ Use a tripod to hold the camera still.
- ◆ Make sure there is plenty of lighting, especially if shooting indoors.
- ◆ Turn off all noise-making devices in the room (air conditioners, fans, telephones, etc.).
- ◆ Make sure the background music (if any) is audible on the recording.

Instructions for Packaging and Submitting Entries

- ◆ Record production on a CD/DVD in one of the above-listed formats
- ◆ Label both CD/DVD and cover with name (First initial & Last name: ie, J. Doe), title of artwork, arts category, and grade division.
- ◆ Place CD/DVD into a 10" x 13" manila Envelope
- ◆ Completely fill out the Student Entry Form including the specific information requested for the Dance Choreography category as well as the Artist Statement
- ◆ Insert:
 - SIGNED Student Entry Form
 - Artist Statement & Information Form
 - Consent Form if required (see form for instructions)
- ◆ **Into a clear plastic sheet protector** with Student Entry Form on top so student information can be clearly seen.
- ◆ Tape sheet protector to the manila Envelope.
- ◆ Submit envelope containing your CD/DVD and Student Entry Forms to your PTA Reflections Chair on the due date given for your school

