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## THEME SEARCH JUDGING INSTRUCTIONS

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**The search is on for a future National PTA Reflections program theme!**

One child's theme search submission will be chosen to inspire the creativity and imagination of thousands of students across the country and in U.S. schools overseas.

Only **five** state finalists will be chosen to advance to the national round and one national winner will be selected in February. The winner's theme will be used the year after next (i.e., the theme is chosen two years in advance).

**Use the considerations and scale below to score each theme submission.  
Please send your scores to [lmurphy@illinoispta.org](mailto:lmurphy@illinoispta.org) by November 1, 2018.**

**Considerations:**

- Theme is **unique**, inspiring and unlike past program themes.
- Theme is **focused** without being too narrow or too broad.
- Theme is **clear**, concise and appropriate for all grade levels.
- Theme is **applicable** to all arts categories.
- Theme **promotes PTA values**.
- Theme is **relevant in 2 years**.
- *Past themes and duplicate entries are not considered.*

**Score Range:**

- 10 pts Exceptional Theme
- 8 pts Strong Theme
- 6 pts Appropriate Theme
- 4 pts Weak/Basic Theme
- 2 pts Less Appropriate Theme
- 0 pts Disqualified



## THEME SEARCH ENTRY FORM

### The search is on for a future program theme!

One theme idea will be selected to spark fun and creativity during the 2019-2020 Reflections program. The student who submits the winning entry will receive \$100 prize from National PTA.

Past themes and duplicate submissions are not considered. This means we're looking for the most original theme ideas.

To participate, complete this form and submit to the Illinois State Director of Cultural Arts at [lmurphy@illinoispta.org](mailto:lmurphy@illinoispta.org) by **November 1, 2018**.

**Theme Idea:**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*This box is to be completed by PTA before distribution.*

PTA LEADER NAME \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

PTA ID \_\_\_\_\_ PTA NAME \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL PTA \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT PTA \_\_\_\_\_ REGION PTA \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER DUES PAID DATE \_\_\_\_\_ INSURANCE PAID DATE \_\_\_\_\_ BYLAWS APPROVAL DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## PAST PROGRAM THEMES

<b>1969-1970</b>	Reflections: Children and Youth, Mirror Their World	<b>1993-1994</b>	If I Could Give the World a Gift
<b>1970-1971</b>	Reflections: Children and Youth, Look to Tomorrow	<b>1994-1995</b>	Dare to Discover
<b>1971-1972</b>	Reflections: America, The Beautiful, The Ugly	<b>1995-1996</b>	Just Open Your Eyes and See
<b>1972-1973</b>	Reflections: This is Our Country	<b>1996-1997</b>	It Could Happen
<b>1973-1974</b>	From Sea to Shining Sea	<b>1997-1998</b>	Wouldn't It Be Great If...
<b>1974-1975</b>	Our Heritage—Our Hopes	<b>1998-1999</b>	Suddenly You Turn Around And...
<b>1975-1976</b>	Spirit of '76—Miracle of America	<b>1999-2000</b>	Anything is Possible...
<b>1976-1977</b>	What the World Needs Now	<b>2000-2001</b>	It Would be Really Strange If...
<b>1977-1978</b>	Love Is...	<b>2001-2002</b>	I Hold in My Hand...
<b>1978-1979</b>	Look Out Your Window	<b>2002-2003</b>	Signs of Courage
<b>1979-1980</b>	Behind the Gates of Tomorrow	<b>2003-2004</b>	I Am Really Happy When...
<b>1980-1981</b>	What a Family Means to Me	<b>2004-2005</b>	A Different Kind of Hero
<b>1981-1982</b>	What Makes Me Smile	<b>2005-2006</b>	I Wonder Why...
<b>1982-1983</b>	Life in These United States	<b>2006-2007</b>	My Favorite Place
<b>1983-1984</b>	I Have a Dream	<b>2007-2008</b>	I Can Make a Difference By...
<b>1984-1985</b>	What Sparks My Imagination	<b>2008-2009</b>	Wow!
<b>1985-1986</b>	From Liberty's View	<b>2009-2010</b>	Beauty Is...
<b>1986-1987</b>	In Celebration: A Past to Remember, a Future to Mold	<b>2010-2011</b>	Together We Can...
<b>1987-1988</b>	Wonders of the World	<b>2011-2012</b>	Diversity Means...
<b>1988-1989</b>	Proud Experiences	<b>2012-2013</b>	The Magic of a Moment...
<b>1989-1990</b>	Where Does the Sky End?	<b>2013-2014</b>	Believe, Dream, Inspire
<b>1990-1991</b>	If I Had a Wish	<b>2014-2015</b>	The World Would Be a Better Place If
<b>1991-1992</b>	Exploring New Beginnings	<b>2015-2016</b>	Let Your Imagination Fly
<b>1992-1993</b>	Imagine That	<b>2016-2017</b>	What Is Your Story?
		<b>2017-2018</b>	Within Reach
		<b>2018-2019</b>	Heroes Around Me
		<b>2019-2020</b>	Look Within