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***All participants must also follow General Rules for Participation.***

### **Description**

A photography entry must be an original black-and-white or color image produced by a photographic process. The entry must relate to the current Reflections Program theme. Entries are judged primarily on how well the student uses his or her artistic vision to portray the theme.

The entry may incorporate such techniques as photomontage, multiple exposure, negative sandwiches and photograms. Images may be manipulated conventionally or digitally. Images should demonstrate the student's proper use of photographic techniques such as depth of field and exposure. The images may be created using various lenses, filters and light sources. Photographs with added graphics over the image, including lettering, are not acceptable.

### **Presentation & Format**

- A single print or collage may not exceed 11 inches by 14 inches, including matting.
- Mount all prints on a cardboard mat, poster board, or some other sturdy material.
- Protecting the work with shrink-wrap or a transparent plastic cover is optional but highly recommended.
- Framed entries, original film (negatives or transparencies) and multidimensional pieces are **not accepted**.

### **Use of Copyrighted Material**

Use of copyrighted material, including copyrighted cartoon characters or other such material, is not acceptable in any photography submission, with the following exception:

Photographs may include public places, well-known products, trademarks or certain other copyrighted material as long as that copyrighted material is incidental to the subject matter of the piece and/or is a smaller element of a whole. The resulting work cannot try to establish an association between the student and the trademark/business/material, or influence the purchase/non-purchase of the trademarked good.

**Submission Instructions: *Follow your State PTA guidelines regarding required submission format.***

#### **A. Printed format of photo:**

- Follow presentation & format guidelines above.
- Submit envelope to your PTA Reflections Chair containing your printed photo and student entry form.

#### **B. Electronic format of photo:**

- Save electronic file on a CD not exceeding 1 GB (one gigabyte) in file size.
  - Accepted file formats include: JPEG, GIF, PNG, BMP.
- Label CD with the title of your artwork, arts category, and division.
- Submit envelope to your PTA Reflections Chair containing your CD and student entry form.