

Reflections Program

“Beauty Is....”

What is it? A nationally sponsored (by the PTA) arts recognition and achievement program for students.

What is this year’s theme?

This year’s theme is: “Beauty Is....” – Students are to submit entries in any of the 6 categories. The entry forms include space to answer the following question, “How does your work connect to the theme?”

*****LAST YEAR URBANA HIGH SCHOOL was the ONLY SCHOOL in the state of MARYLAND with NATIONAL WINNERS!!!*****

Who can participate?

Any HS student who submits an entry (or entries) per one of the 6 categories, according to the rules, with completed paperwork including parent signature.

What are the categories to enter in?

Literature	Musical Composition
Photography	Visual Arts
Dance Choreography	Film/Video Production

Can I submit more than one entry? **Yes** – you can submit multiple entries as long as they are to DIFFERENT categories. For example, if you are a poet and a photographer, you can submit your poem in the Literature category, and your photo in the Photography category.

Can I submit something that I have already created for school?

The Rules explicitly state, “All entries into the Reflections Program must be new pieces of artwork inspired by the current year’s theme and created expressly for the program”

What criteria do the judges use to select the winning entries?

Entries are judged on artistic merit, creativity, mastery of the medium and interpretation of the theme. Entries to the Frederick County level are limited to **4** (UPDATED from 3 to 4 this year!) per category.

Why is it a great idea to participate?

It’s fun! It’s free! It’s a great resume builder! **There’s prizes!**

It’s a great way to be recognized at Urbana High School, Frederick County, Maryland state and nationally!

How can I get more information?

Contact Ms. Winkles or Mr. Britton – they have the entire packet with all of the detailed rules.

OR, contact either of the PTSA UHS Reflections Co-Chairs: Jill Browning at jbrow2021@comcast.net or 301.639.9556 or Sandy Ahlskog at mands2@boo.net or 301.829.2956.

Where are the entry forms?

Forms are located outside of Ms. Winkles’ classroom – Room A125 (DOOR closest to the Front Office). **Be SURE to take an entry form for EACH category you wish to enter into**

What is the entry deadline? **Entries MUST BE SUBMITTED Beginning Monday, November 16th, but NO LATER THAN Friday, November 20th.** Winners will be announced for UHS in December, and the County will receive the entries (limited to 3 per category per school) in late December.