



2023-2024 Louisiana PTA Reflections Winners

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National PTA’s Reflections program is an acclaimed student recognition experience that encourages artistic creativity and supports students in exploring their thoughts, feelings, and ideas through their art pieces. This year students in our schools supported by Local Louisiana PTA units participated in and explored the arts based on the theme, “I Am Hopeful Because...”.

We are pleased to announce our judges have selected twenty art pieces as outstanding submissions! LAPTA has advanced those entries to National PTA for judging. National PTA will announce their results on May 1, 2024. Good luck to all the Louisiana student artists selected as our National Entries for the final round!

The Louisiana PTA Reflections program could not exist if it were not for our many local unit volunteers across the state! They **make** the time to learn about the program, publicize it, provide guidance to the artists, and input entries into the on-line portal for judging. We cannot say “**Thank You**” enough!

Literature

National Entry			
Student Name	Grade Division	Title of Work	Local PTA Unit
Aanya Abro	Primary (Grades Pre-K through Grade 2)	We The Children Are The Hope	South Highlands Elementary Magnet PTA
Chahana Panchal-Alwani	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	Success is not Final: Failure is not Fatal	Eden Gardens Fundamental Elementary PTA
Belle St. Amant	Middle School (Grades 6-8)	When Hope is All You Have	Caddo Middle Magnet PTSA
Noel Strange	High School (Grades 9-12)	Pulled Out From the Waves	Louisiana Lagniappe PTSA

Award of Excellence			
Student Name	Grade Division	Title of Work	Local PTA Unit
Catherine Bronson	Primary (Grades Pre-K through Grade 2)	I Am Hopeful	South Highlands Elementary Magnet PTA
Elizabeth Kihm	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	Alab Oolal (Hope in Mayan)	Mandeville Middle PTA
Isla Buisson	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	The Plant Pack	Mandeville Middle PTA
Ryland Rotolo	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	Clean, Green, Energetic Future	Tchefuncte Middle PTA
Katherine McLaughlin	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	I am hopeful because...	Tchefuncte Middle PTA
Stella Bai	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	Facing Challenges with Hope	Eden Gardens Fundamental PTA
Mirabella Rashdan	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	The Hopeful Earth	South Highlands Elementary Magnet PTA
Sohani Shah	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	What makes me hopeful?	South Highlands Elementary Magnet PTA

Literature

Award of Merit			
Student Name	Grade Division	Title of Work	Local PTA Unit
Hailey McAllister	Primary (Pre-K through 2d grade)	The Monkey Bars	Bonne Ecole Elementary PTA
Elizabeth Bannan	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	I am Hopeful	Woodlake Elementary PTA
Ruby Paganuzzi	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	Amazing Life Instructions	Woodlake Elementary PTA
Carsyn Marks	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	Experience	Woodlake Elementary PTA
Ann Dupuy	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	The Thanksgiving Feast	Mandeville Middle PTA
Anya Darsi	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	Freedom, Love, and Hope	South Highlands Elementary Magnet PTA
Madeleine Maier	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	The Power of Hope	Fairfield Elementary Magnet PTA
Iris Barthels	Middle School (Grades 6-8)	I am Hopeful	Mandeville Middle PTA
William Lemieux	Middle School (Grades 6-8)	Hope	Tchefuncte Middle PTA
Kellar Godfrey	Middle School (Grades 6-8)	I am Hopeful Because	Tchefuncte Middle PTA
Apsara Patel	Middle School (Grades 6-8)	A Dream That Turned Into Reality	Tchefuncte Middle PTA
Gordon Brown	High School (Grades 9-12)	I am Hopeful Because ...	C.E. Byrd High PTSA
Madeline Price	High School (Grades 9-12)	Because I Am Hopeful	C.E. Byrd High PTSA
Claire Flurry	High School (Grades 9-12)	I am Hopeful Because	C.E. Byrd High PTSA
Jacquelyn Woodward	High School (Grades 9-12)	Earth and Sea	Mandeville High PTSA

Literature

Award of Merit, continued

Student Name	Grade Division	Title of Work	Local PTA Unit
Clayton Sonnenfeld	High School (Grades 9-12)	The Tinder Sun	Louisiana Lagniappe PTSA
Tanmayee Iskapalli	High School (Grades 9-12)	Hope in the Darkest Times	Louisiana Lagniappe PTSA

Visual Arts

National Entry

Student Name	Grade Division	Title of Work	Local PTA Unit
Lily White	Primary (Grades Pre-K through Grade 2)	Dancing Lilies	Woodlake Elementary PTA
Chahana Panchal- Alwani	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	There is a Light Despite of All Darkness	Eden Gardens Fundamental Elementary PTA
Avika Khandelwal	Middle School (Grades 6-8)	Roots of Resilience: Overcoming Addiction	Caddo Middle Magnet PTSA
Caroline Smith	High School (Grades 9-12)	Live for Today, Hope for Tomorrow	C.E. Byrd High PTSA

Visual Arts

Award of Excellence			
Student Name	Grade Division	Title of Work	Local PTA Unit
Aanya Abro	Primary (Grades Pre-K through Grade 2)	I am hopeful because ALL PEOPLE are good and love is all around	South Highlands Elementary Magnet PTA
Avanee Peddi	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	Reaching for the Stars	South Highlands Elementary Magnet PTA
Stella Bai	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	I am Hopeful Because I have a Dream	Eden Gardens Fundamental Elementary PTA
Katherine Wilson	Middle School (Grades 6-8)	Light vs. Dark	Tchefuncte Middle PTA
Jashan Ahuja	High School (Grades 9-12)	A Cry for Ceasefire	Louisiana Lagniappe PTSA

Award of Merit			
Student Name	Grade Division	Title of Work	Local PTA Unit
M'Lise Morris	Primary (Grades Pre-K through Grade 2)	Snowy Mountains	Judson Warriors PTA
Cedrick Williams	Primary (Grades Pre-K through Grade 2)	Cedrick The Scientist	Judson Warriors PTA
Charlie Dubose	Primary (Pre-K through Grade 2)	Hopeful of God's Love	Woodlake Elementary PTA
Myra Singh	Primary (Pre-K through Grade 2)	I am Hopeful for Miracles	Eden Gardens Fundamental Elementary PTA

Visual Arts

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Student Name	Grade Division	Title of Work	Local PTA Unit
Gabriel Allen	Primary (Pre-K through Grade 2)	My Family	Judson Warriors PTA
Gianni Lobre	Primary (Pre-K through Grade 2)	World of Colors	Woodlake Elementary PTA
Nithya Katikaneni	Primary (Pre-K through Grade 2)	Never Give Up	South Highlands Elementary Magnet PTA
Paxton Britt	Primary (Pre-K through Grade 2)	I Am Hopeful For Life	South Highlands Elementary Magnet PTA
Addie Barcelona	Primary (Pre-K through Grade 2)	Hopeful Friendship	Fairfield Elementary Magnet PTA
Xander King-Davis	Primary (Pre-K through Grade 2)	We Can Make a Difference	Louisiana Lagniappe PTSA
Sai Diya Iskapalli	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	Floating Kindness	South Highlands Elementary Magnet PTA
Harrison Sonnenfeld	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	The Galaxy	Fairfield Elementary Magnet PTA
Ellie Speyrer	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	Full of Dreams	Fairfield Elementary Magnet PTA
Levi Boswell	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	Future is Bright	Fairfield Elementary Magnet PTA

Visual Arts

Award of Merit, continued

Student Name	Grade Division	Title of Work	Local PTA Unit
Nestelin Lobo	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	My School	Woodlake Elementary PTA
Bernard Rivera	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	There is always HOPE	Judson Warriors PTA
Kennedy Davis	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	Independence	Clearwood Jr High PTA
Violet Cabiness	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	Sun Dragon	Mandeville Middle PTA
Amelie Kaufmann	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	Gymnastics Shores	Mandeville Middle PTA
Avery Fitzmorris	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	Let the Light Embrace You	Mandeville Middle PTA
Liam Lighthall	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	Atop the Temple	Tchefuncte Middle PTA
Charles Han	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	It's Not What It Seems	South Highlands Elementary Magnet PTA
Kameron King-Davis	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	Heart of Hope	Louisiana Lagniappe PTSA
Starlette Hemphill	Middle School (Grades 6-8)	Future Through My Eyes	Clearwood Jr. High PTA
Rylie McCall	Middle School (Grades 6-8)	Peepaw	Tchefuncte Middle PTA
Kira Thomas	High School (Grades 9-12)	All the Stars	C.E. Byrd High PTSA

Photography

National Entry			
Student Name	Grade Division	Title of Work	Local PTA Unit
Adam Rashdan	Primary (Grades Pre-K through Grade 2)	I am hopeful because I see beautiful things	South Highlands Elementary Magnet PTA
Stella Bai	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	Hope in Darkness	Eden Gardens Fundamental Elementary PTA
Jackson Welch	Middle School (Grades 6-8)	Bright Idea	Caddo Middle Magnet PTSA
D'Lisa Bridges	High School (Grades 9-12)	Hopeful on this Journey	Mandeville High PTSA

Award of Excellence			
Student Name	Grade Division	Title of Work	Local PTA Unit
Sunny Patty	Primary (Pre-k through Grade 2)	Pound Puppy	Eden Gardens Fundamental Elementary PTA
Ryan Gottbrath	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	Sunset on the Water	Tchefuncte Middle PTA
Jordy Quist	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	Marble Madness	Tchefuncte Middle PTA
Harrison Sonnenfeld	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	Sunlight	Fairfield Elementary Magnet PTA
Chahana Panchal-Alwani	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	If You Want a Rainbow, You Have to Put Up with RAIN!	Eden Gardens Fundamental Elementary Magnet PTA
Madeleine Maier	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	Blooming Hope	Fairfield Elementary Magnet PTA

Photography

Award of Excellence, continued

Student Name	Grade Division	Title of Work	Local PTA Unit
Gage Smith	Middle School (Grades 6-8)	Flower on the Mountain	Caddo Middle Magnet PTSA
Maya Trutschl	High School (Grades 9-12)	On Top of the World	Louisiana Lagniappe PTSA

Award of Merit

Student Name	Grade Division	Title of Work	Local PTA Unit
Hallie Sciortino	Primary (Pre-K through Grade 2)	Silver Lining	Woodlake Elementary PTA
Zehra Usman	Primary (Pre-K through Grade 2)	Every day is a new beginning	South Highland Elementary Magnet PTA
Georgia Patty	Primary (Pre-K through Grade 2)	Fuzzy Friends	Eden Gardens Fundamental Magnet PTA
Penelope Willis	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	Everything Nature	Tchefuncte Middle PTA
Rishi Katikaneni	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	Bright Beginnings	South Highlands Elementary Magnet PTA
Gabriella Murphy	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	Wings of Hope	South Highlands Elementary Magnet PTA
Gage Smith	Middle School (Grades 6-8)	Reflections	Caddo Middle Magnet PTSA
Will Grieder	High School (Grades 9-12)	As the Day Ends	C.E. Byrd High PTSA

Music Composition

National Entry

Student Name	Grade Division	Title of Work	Local PTA Unit
Graham Jones	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	The Tree of Life	Magnolia Trace Elementary PTA
Kadan Phan	Middle School (Grades 6-8)	Hopeful for the Future	Lake Harbor Middle PTA

Award of Excellence

Student Name	Grade Division	Title of Work	Local PTA Unit
Aislyn Tomlinson	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	Salix Serenade	Eden Gardens Fundamental Elementary PTA
Gage Smith	Middle School (Grades 6-8)	Out of the Darkness	Caddo Middle Magnet PTA

Award of Merit

Student Name	Grade Division	Title of Work	Local PTA Unit
Sai Diya Iskapelli	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	Birthday Season	South Highlands Elementary Magnet PTA
Sohani Shah	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	The Music of Hope	South Highlands Elementary Magnet PTA
Alexander Latin	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	I Am Hopeful Because (I Have Hope)	Judson Warriors PTA

Dance Choreography

National Entry			
Student Name	Grade Division	Title of Work	Local PTA Unit
Vianka Khandelwal	Primary (Pre-K through Grade 2)	Dancing into Confidence	South Highlands Elementary Magnet PTA
Cecilia Whittenbarger Mason Wimberly Frances Israel Elizabeth Elberson	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	PINK	South Highlands Elementary Magnet PTA
Avika Khandelwal	Middle School (Grades 6-8)	Empowerment Through Dance	Caddo Middle Magnet PTA
Adya Darsi	High School (Grades 9-12)	Hope is the Dance with Passion	Louisiana Lagniappe PTSA

Award of Merit			
Student Name	Grade Division	Title of Work	Local PTA Unit
Myra Singh	Primary (Pre-K through Grade 2)	Happiness with Basics	Eden Gardens Fundamental Elementary PTA
Aria Raphael	Primary (Pre-K through Grade 2)	Moving Forward	Woodlake Elementary School PTA
Charlotte Whittenbarger	Primary (Pre-K through Grade 2)	Unstoppable	South Highlands Elementary Magnet PTA
Betty Straub	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	Letting Go	Woodlake Elementary PTA
Sasha Krycki	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	I am Hopeful Because People Can Get Along	Mandeville Middle PTA
Charlotte Strand	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	I'm Hopeful Because of You	Mandeville Middle PTA
Sohani Shah	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	The Dance of Hope	South Highlands Elem. Magnet PTA

Film Production

National Entry

Student Name	Grade Division	Title of Work	Local PTA Unit
Diya Iskapalli	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	Why I Have Hope	South Highlands Elementary Magnet PTA
Bryce Upchurch	High School (Grades 9-12)	Je suis optimiste parce qu'il y a encore une chance	Louisiana Lagniappe PTSA

Award of Merit

Student Name	Grade Division	Title of Work	Local PTA Unit
Emma Butler	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	Hope Springs	A.C. Steere Elementary PTA
Carson Clay	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	I Am Hopeful	Judson Warriors PTA