PHOTOGRAPHY is the process of creating an image. The photographer (student submitting entry) is a person who captures their own thoughts and ideas with a camera. By focusing on objects using various lenses, filters and light sources, photographers may demonstrate the use of photographic techniques conventionally or digitally.

Reflect on the 2019-2020 Theme: Look Within

Acceptable forms of photography include: A single photo, panoramic, photomontage (one print of multiple original photos), a multiple exposure, negative sandwich or photogram. Original black-and-white and color images are accepted.

Non-acceptable forms of photography include: Entries with added graphics over the image, including lettering, collages and collections of photos, original film (negatives or transparencies) and multidimensional pieces are not accepted.

Originality: Only new pieces of artwork inspired by the theme may be submitted. Only one entry may be submitted by each student. Each entry must be the work of one student only.

Consider use of objects, lighting and the location to show a clear relation of the photo to the theme. An explanation of the photography process/form might be a useful addition to the artist statement. Whether an entry displays use of technologies or a simple approach, it will be judged primarily on how well the student uses his or her artistic vision to portray the theme, originality and creativity.

Copyright: 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.

Presentation: Framed photos are not accepted. Matting is accepted. Student’s name should not appear on the front of the artwork.

- Print Photo: Must be no smaller than 3x5 inches and no larger than 8x10 inches. Photos mounted on mat or poster board must not exceed 11x14 inches, including matting.
- Digital Photo: Must be at least 640x960 (pixels) and high resolution (300 dpi or higher).

Packaging:

- Label back of print and digital photo file with your State, Arts Category, Grade Division, Last Name, First Name (Example: TN.PHOTO.PRI SMITH.JOH N).
- Submit photography and student entry form according to your PTA’s instructions.

State Specific Instructions: See the Tennessee PTA – Local Leaders Guide at http://tnpta.org/reflections.html for requirements. All participants must also follow Official Rules for Participation.