



NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS LITERATURE  
ENTRY RULES FOR CADDO DISTRICT PTA

I MATTER BECAUSE...

**LITERATURE** is the art of writing. The **author** (student submitting entry) is a person who expresses their own thoughts and ideas through the use of words. Authors submit a single literary work, handwritten or typed, using grade-appropriate grammar, punctuation and spelling. Collections of literary work (such as poems and short stories) are not accepted.

**2020-2021 Theme: I Matter Because...**

**Consider the following literary styles to portray your original work of fiction or nonfiction:** Prose, poetry, drama (screen play and play script), reflective essay, narrative, or short story.

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

An explanation of the storyline and/or the significance of the literature style might be a useful addition to the artist statement. Whether an entry displays formal writing technique 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. Spoken word audio recordings and illustrated entries including books with pictures drawn by the student author are acceptable; however, only literary content is judged.

**Copyright:** Use of copyrighted material is prohibited. Plagiarized entries will be disqualified.

**Presentation:** Entries must be typed, include a cover page, and be saved as a Word document. Writing must not exceed 2,000 words.

**Acceptable Use of Type, Dictation and Translation**

- Be typed by another person as long as a pdf copy of the original work accompanies the typed entry file.
- Be dictated to another person and printed or typed in exact words as spoken by the student if the student is in pre-school, kindergarten or 1st grade. (Transcribers should make every attempt to retain the same level of language and accuracy that is reflected in the student's original work).
- Students for whom English is not their first language may submit literature entries in their own language. **An interpretive translation in English must accompany the entry.** Translators should make every attempt to retain the same level of language and accuracy that is reflected in the student's original work.

**Packaging:**

- Entries must be typed and saved as a WORD Document (.doc or .docx).
- Cover page must be labeled with your School, Arts Category, Grade Division, First and Last Name.
- Name your Word file with your State, Arts Category, Grade Division, Last Name, First Name *Example: LA.LITERATURE.MID.SMITH.JOHN*
- Turn in 1 printed copy of your work along with the Word file and the entry form.

- Follow your school PTA's instructions for turning in your printed work, digital file and entry form by the school deadline.

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