

2024 GREEN EARTH BOOK AWARD

Celebrating GEBA's 20th Anniversary in 2024

Submission Information and Guidelines

The Nature Generation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to inspire and empower children and young adults to make a difference. We reach our nation's youth through innovative environmental stewardship programs in literature, science, and the arts.



The Nature Generation, in partnership with Salisbury University, created the annual **Green Earth Book Award** to promote books that inspire children to grow a deeper appreciation, respect, and responsibility for their natural environment. This will be our 20th year of awarding the Green Earth Book Award.

Awards will be bestowed in the following **five** categories:

Children's Fiction: novels for young readers up to age 12

Young Adult Fiction: books for readers from age 13 to 21

Children's Nonfiction: nonfiction books for readers from infancy up to age 12

Young Adult Nonfiction: nonfiction books for readers from 13–21

Picture Book: books for young readers in which visual and verbal narratives tell the story

INSTRUCTIONS SCHEDULE + AWARD

The nomination period runs from **September 15-December 15, 2023**. The Long and Short Lists will be announced in March 2024; the winners will be announced on Earth Day, April 22, 2024. Nominations forms and books must be received by December 15, 2022. Please follow these steps for each book nominated:

- ◆ Complete the Google Form located at: [Green Earth Book Award 2024 Application](#) ([google.com](https://www.google.com))
OR
- ◆ Complete the nomination form (one for each book submitted) and email form(s) to:
Ms. Romany Sieferman, NatGen Executive Director, rsieferman@natgen.org
- ◆ Send 11 review copies of the nominated book to:
Salisbury University CENTRAL RECEIVING
119 Bateman Street, Salisbury MD 21804
C/O Dr. Patricia Dean, Dr. Ernie Bond Curriculum Resource Center, 226 Conway Hall

The award in each category comprises a monetary award of \$500 to the author and \$500 to the illustrator/photographer (\$1,000 if the author and illustrator/photographer is the same person). After they have been reviewed by our panel of judges, GEBA books are donated to Title I schools, military bases, or libraries across the country.

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BOOK ELIGIBILITY

- Must be published in the United States during 2023.
- Must be written in English (can be translated into English or be a bilingual book that contains English as one of the languages).
- Must be a trade book.
- Must contain themes or content related to the environment and the concept of environmental stewardship.

AWARD CRITERIA

Cadmus Children's Fiction Award and Kline Family Young Adult Fiction Award

- The writing style captures the child's interest and is appropriate for the age intended and the text meets required standards of quality writing.
- The book either promotes an inspired understanding of the environment, an awareness of environmental issues, a theme of environmental justice, or a celebration of nature.
- Environmental issues are current and accurately portrayed.
- The book values diversity and inclusion through authentic storyline, theme, character portrayal.
- The book encourages the concept of environmental stewardship and the importance of the role each of us play in nurturing, protecting, and defending our environment.

Thomas Family Children's Nonfiction Award and

Parker-Tirrell Family and Friends Young Adult Nonfiction Award

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- Information provided in the book's bibliography, glossary, index, table of contents, captions, appendices, associated websites, etc. enhances the clarity of the subject matter.
- The cover, photographs, illustrations, and aesthetic devices enhance the general appeal and attractiveness of the book.

Council Oak Picture Book Award

- The writing style captures the child's interest and is appropriate for the age intended, and the text meets required standards of quality writing.
- The text and graphics/illustrations/cover enhance the reader's experience and awareness of the theme in the book, as well as the general appeal and attractiveness of the book.
- The book either promotes an inspired understanding of the environment, an awareness of environmental issues, a theme of environmental justice, or a celebration of nature.
- The book encourages the concept of environmental stewardship and the role each of us can play in nurturing, protecting, and defending our environment.
- Environmental issues are current and accurately portrayed.
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