



GREEN EARTH BOOK AWARD

2026 Submission Guidelines and Eligibility

The Nature Generation's 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 Green Earth Book Award** promotes books that inspire children to grow a deeper appreciation, respect, and responsibility for their natural environment. Awards are bestowed in six categories:

- Children's Fiction: novels for readers up to age 13
- Children's Non-fiction: books for readers up to age 13
- Young Adult Fiction: novels for readers from age 13 to 21
- Young Adult Non-fiction: books for readers from 13 to 21
- Picture Book Primary: books for readers up to age 5
- Picture Book Intermediate: books for readers age 5 to 8

Picture Books are books in which visual and verbal narratives tell the story – NatGen may move books between Picture Book categories if necessary

SUBMISSION SCHEDULE AND INSTRUCTIONS

The submission period runs from October 1 through December 15, 2025. The long and short lists are announced in March 2026; the winners, honor books, and recommended reading selections are announced on Earth Day, April 22, 2026. To nominate:

Complete the Google Form at: tinyurl.com/GEBASubmission2026 OR

Complete the hard copy submission form (one for each book submitted) and email to: NatGen Executive Director, Romany Sieferman: rsieferman@natgen.org

Send 11 review copies of the nominated book(s) 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

AWARD AND WINNER EXPECTATIONS

The award in each category comprises a monetary award of \$1,000 (to be split among author and illustrator/photographer if applicable). Winners are expected to visit schools in person or virtually; submit videos reading to students; provide local press contacts; engage with NatGen to promote their book and GEBA; and attend our virtual GEBA Celebration on October 15, 2026 to officially receive their award.

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