

2018 Green Earth Book Award

Submission Information and Guidelines

The Nature Generation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to inspire and empower youth 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. The 2018 awards will be bestowed in these categories:



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

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 to age 12

Young Adult Nonfiction: nonfiction books for readers from 12 to age 21

SCHEDULE & INSTRUCTIONS

Nominations must be provided by November 20, 2017. We require ten review copies. The accompanying nomination form must be completed for each nominated book and sent to Jenny Newton Schmidt, Program Director at jschmidt@NatGen.org. Review copies of books should be mailed to:

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Salisbury University
1101 Camden Avenue
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Salisbury, MD 21801
Attention: Green Earth Book Award

The short list will be announced in March 2018, and the winners will be announced on Earth Day, April 22, 2018.

The award in each of the categories will be comprised of a monetary award of \$750 to the author and \$750 to the illustrator/photographer (or \$1,500 if the author and illustrator/photographer is the same person). In addition, Green Earth Book Award-winning books will be donated to Title I schools or military bases across the country. Any help publishers can provide in making books available to schools as part of the Green Earth Book Award will be greatly appreciated.

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ELIGIBILITY

- Must be published in the United States during 2017.
- 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

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, 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.

Children's and Young Adult Nonfiction Awards

- 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 or an awareness of environmental issues.
- 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.
- Environmental issues presented are current and accurately portrayed.
- Information provided in the book's bibliography, glossary, index, table of contents, captions, appendices, associated web sites, etc. enhances the clarity of the subject matter.
- The cover, photographs, illustrations, and aesthetic devices enhance the general appeal and attractiveness of the book.

Children's Fiction and Young Adult Fiction Awards

- The writing style captures the child's interest and is appropriate for the age intended.
- The text meets required standards of quality writing.
- The book either promotes an inspired understanding of the environment, an awareness of environmental issues, or a celebration of nature. Environmental issues are current and accurately portrayed.
- 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.