

2025 AFEW KENYA-GIRAFFE CENTRE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMPETITION

THEME: "COLLABORATIONS AND INNOVATIONS IN ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION FOR POSTERITY."

We invite you to participate in our 2025 National Environmental Awareness Competition. Students from all over Kenya are eligible to enter and participate. The competition will run from January 2025 to March 2025. You can submit your entry in any of the following three categories: Artwork, Essay Writing and Photography.

CATEGORY 1: Artwork

Interpret the Theme "Collaborations and Innovations in Environmental Conservation for Posterity."

This category is open to students in Pre-Primary(PP1-2), Lower Primary (GRADE 1-3), Upper Primary (GRADE 4-6), Junior Secondary, High School and Tertiary Institution levels. Any art media such as collage pencil work, crayons, water or oil paints and paper mache can be used.

CATEGORY 1A: Group Artwork & Projects

This category is ONLY open to students in Pre-Primary(PP1-2) and Lower Primary(GRADE 1-3) School levels. A Group should consist of a minimum of 3 students and should not exceed 5 students.

CATEGORY 1B: INDIVIDUAL ARTWORK

This category is ONLY open to students in Primary School(GRADE 1-6), Junior Secondary (GRADE 7-9), High School and Tertiary Institution levels. Submit art entries bearing minimum dimensions of size A3 mounted on paper.

CATEGORY 2: Essay Writing

This category is ONLY open to students in Upper Primary(GRADE 4-6), Junior Secondary, High School and Tertiary Institution levels. All entries in Upper Primary, Junior Secondary and High School levels must be handwritten while entries in Tertiary levels must be typed.

CATEGORY 2A: Upper Primary Essays - GRADE 4-6(300-500 WORDS)

1. What is the importance of creating environmental awareness among youth in Kenya?
2. Discuss 5 environmental projects that your school can carry out in collaboration with the local community members and local administration to help improve the state of the environment in Kenya.

CATEGORY 2B: Junior Secondary Essays - GRADE 7-9(600-500 WORDS)

1. What is the importance of creating environmental awareness among youth in Kenya?
2. Discuss 5 environmental projects that your school can carry out in collaboration with the local community members and local administration to help improve the state of the environment in Kenya.

CATEGORY 2C: High School Essays (500-600 WORDS)

1. Human actions have significantly altered 75% of the earth's land surface and 66% of the marine areas. Discuss the main drivers of these changes and how we can use technology to address them.
2. Giraffes are in the midst of silent extinction. Discuss how different stakeholders can commit time and resources to save giraffes for posterity.

CATEGORY 2D: Tertiary Institutions Essays(600-800 WORDS)

1. Using local examples discuss how the government can implement environmental conservation and restoration projects without compromising the broader social-economic aspirations of the host communities?
2. Agro-ecology can help in addressing Africa's worsening food crisis, biodiversity loss and climate change. Discuss this statement citing local examples where possible.

CATEGORY 3: Digital Nature Photography

This category is open to tertiary level students only. All entries MUST be submitted electronically on an online storage (e.g.) google drive or drop box and the link sent to competition@giraffecentre.org.

- i. Photo manipulation is allowed. A short essay describing the photo is also allowed.
- ii. Images of pets, domestic animals or captive animals photographed in animal orphanages and commercial game farms are NOT allowed.
- iii. Photos that have won other contests or have been published in magazines, newspapers and online publications are not eligible.
- iv. Photos that violate or infringe upon another person's rights including but not limited to copyright are not eligible.
- v. Submit a maximum of 3 entries.
- vi. Photos must be submitted in JPEG format

PRIZES TO BE WON

1. The best boy and girl will be crowned "Master Environment 2025" and "Miss Environment 2025" respectively.
2. Individual trophies will be won by the top three winners in each category.
3. A one week fully sponsored camping safari to Kenya's wonderful National Parks and Game Reserves will be won by the top students and 2 regional representatives in Upper Primary, Junior Secondary and High School.
4. A weekend Treat fully sponsored camping safari to selected Kenya's wonderful National Parks and Game Reserves will be won by the top 15 students from tertiary institutions in Kenya.
5. Certificates and Consolation Prizes like Gift Vouchers, T-Shirts, Bags, Books, Pens, Diaries among others will be awarded to the top 100 runners up student winners from different learning institutions all over Kenya.
6. The Best Patron in Essay and Artwork will be awarded for their excellent performance.
7. School Patrons who manage to submit over 100 Student entries in either of 3 competition categories and atleast 2 of those entries emerge winners will be awarded a certificate of merit.

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. All entries must be submitted by 31st March, 2025
2. All tertiary entries must be typed in New Times Roman, Font Size 12, Line Spacing 1.5 and submitted in PDF Format.
3. All entries must have the official student's name (First, Middle and Surname), Age, Grade, School, Class, Postal Address including a Postal Code, Cell Phone number of Patron and Parent and Email Address at the back of the entry.
4. Entries may be mailed, hand delivered, speed posted or sent by courier to: The Giraffe Centre. P.O. BOX 15124, 00509 LANGATA, NAIROBI. The physical address for delivering mail by speed post or courier is Nyumbi Road, LANGATA.
5. Canvassing or submitting work that is not one's own will lead to disqualification.
6. All entries become property of the Giraffe Centre and may be used in furtherance of conservation work.
7. Marking will be completed in April 2025 and the results announced in May 2025.
8. The Prize Giving Day will be held in 6th June, 2025.
9. The judge's decision is final and no appeals will be entertained.
10. Any prize offered cannot be substituted for cash and must be collected by 30th July, 2025.



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