

2026 AFEW KENYA'S ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS COMPETITION

THEME: PARTNERSHIP IN CONSERVATION FOR A HEALTHY PLANET & PEOPLE.

We invite you to participate in our 2026 National Environmental Awareness Competition. Students from all over Kenya are eligible to enter and participate. The competition will run from January 2026 to March 2026. You can submit your entry in any of the following categories:
Artwork & Essay Writing

Category 1: Artwork

Interpret the Theme "PARTNERSHIP IN CONSERVATION FOR A HEALTHY PLANET AND PEOPLE." This category is open to students in Pre-Primary(PP1 - 2), Lower Primary(GRADE 1 - 3), Upper Primary (GRADE 4 - 6), Junior Secondary, Senior 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.

A student can participate in ONLY 1 group artwork or group project

Category 1B:

Individual Artwork

This category is ONLY open to students in Primary School (GRADE 1 - 6), Junior Secondary (GRADE 7 - 9), Senior 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, Senior 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 Words

1. Describe how climate change is affecting wildlife & People in Kenya
2. Discuss why we need to conserve our Environment

Category 2B:

Junior Secondary Essays (Grade 7 – 9) 500 - 600 words

1. Explore the WILDLIFE resource found in your locality and evaluate how their exploitation can influence both the environment & local livelihoods.
2. Using local examples explain the causes & consequences of human wildlife interaction

Category 2C:

Senior School Essays (FORM 2 - 4) 500 - 600 words

1. Discuss how the different stakeholders can work together in shaping responsible tourism practices in Kenya
2. Discuss Innovative financing strategies the Kenyan Conservation Organisations can use to realize self-sustenance in their operations

Category 2D:

Tertiary Level Essays

(Certificate-Undergraduate) 600 - 800 words

1. Rewilding is an important conservation strategy for comparting species loss in Kenya. Discuss this statement while citing local examples.
2. Discuss the IMPACT of historic handover of Amboseli National Park from the national government to the Kajiado County Government to both people and wildlife

Prizes To Be Won

1. The best boy and girl will be crowned "Master Environment 2026" and "Miss Environment 2026" 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. Best Schools in each category will be award for their excellent performance
8. 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 AND REGULATIONS

1. All entries must be submitted by 31st March, 2026
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/Class, School, Postal Address including a Postal Code, Cell Phone number of Patron and Parent and EmailAddress 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. Use of Artificial Intelligence will lead to direct disqualification.
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 2026 and the results announced in May 2026.
8. The Prize Giving Day will be held in June, 2026.
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 July, 2026.



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