

Green Pencil Award 2025

Eligibility and judging criteria

Eligibility

- The competition is open to pupils in P4 to S3 attending an Edinburgh school, or to home-educated children in this age group living in Edinburgh.
- Entries should be on the 2025 theme, Scotland's Weather
- Children can write in any form with the following length restrictions: stories and poems should be no longer than one side of A4 paper.
- Entries are restricted to one entry per pupil and all entries must be accompanied by an entry form.
- Entries must be received in either an Edinburgh Library or sent, clearly marked 'Green Pencil Award', to Diane Yule B4 Central Library George IV Bridge EH1 1EG, to arrive no later than 5pm on Friday 28 November.

Awards

- One of the 20 finalists will be selected as the overall award winner and be awarded the winner's medal.

Judging criteria

- The judging panel will be drawn from Council staff from Libraries, Eco Schools and Literacy as well as sponsors and partners.
- Judging will be fair and unbiased: judges will declare any potential conflict of interest e.g. family relationship with entrants
- The judges' decision is final, and no individual correspondence can be entered into.
- Judges are unable to comment on individual entries.
- Entries will be judged on the quality and impact of the writing, originality, the use of language and engagement with the theme.
- Entries will not be penalised or corrected for spelling or grammatical inaccuracies where the meaning is clear.
- Any design included with the entry will not influence the judges: it is the writing that is judged.