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THE MINT ANNUAL CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION (2026)

Competition Guidelines & Regulations

This is an annual creative writing competition targeting children in school grades 4 – 9 in Kenya. It is organized by The MINT Initiatives, which operates under the umbrella of ABCA Africa. The following are guidelines and regulations for participation and submission of entries for The MINT Annual Creative Writing Competition:

1. The competition will run from 1st May 2026.
2. **Deadline for submission of entries is Friday 19th June 2026.** Entries submitted after that will not be accepted.
3. The competition is divided into **two categories**: Grades 4 – 6 (Junior) and Grades 7 – 10 (Senior).
4. Participating Schools are allowed to enter in one or both categories.
5. Entries can be submitted via email to **abca.africa@gmail.com** with the subject line '**The MINT Creative Writing Competition 2026**' and the documents attached in PDF format, or dropped physically at the ABCA Africa office in an A4 envelope addressed to Edna Odongo.
6. Each entry must have a **Submission Card** attached to it, having the details of the child participating and the school's official stamp (see card below).
7. The theme for this year's competition is ***Celebrating the Gift of Creative Writing***. The topics for the two categories under this theme are as follows:
 - i. Grades 4 – 6: ***Why I love writing*** (300 – 450 words)
 - ii. Grades 7 – 10: ***How I want to use my gift of writing*** (600 – 800 words)
8. The writing can be in printed format or handwritten (clear handwriting).
9. Participants will be competing for the top 3 positions in each category:
 -  First Position
 -  Second Position
 -  Third Position
10. Judges' decision shall be final.
11. There will be an award ceremony during the school holidays in August 2026 during which the winners shall be announced and presented with their prizes.

----- *All the best to the creative writers!* -----



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SUBMISSION CARD

DATE:

NAME:

SCHOOL:

GRADE: