1. NAME OF THE AWARD

SRRT Coretta Scott King Award

2. PURPOSE

3. DEFINITION AND CRITERIA

a) The awards are to be given to one Black author and one Black illustrator not necessarily of the same book. (Joint authors and joint illustrators are eligible).

b) The book should be appealing to children and young adults.

c) The book can be either fiction or non-fiction.

d) The book must portray people, places, things, and events in a manner sensitive to the true worth and value of all beings.

e) The book must be published one-year prior to the year of award presentation.

f) If in the opinion of the selection jury there is no title that meets the criteria for the given year in either categories no award need be given.

4. NUMBER AND FREQUENCY OF AWARDS

Two awards per year, (a) to one Black author and (b) to one Black illustrator. The awards will be given at the annual conference of the American Library Association.

5. SELECTION OF JURY TO ADMINISTER THE AWARD

Selection jury consists of seven members appointed by the chair of the CSK Task Force with recommendations from Task Force members.

6. DEADLINE FOR NOMINATION OF CANDIDATE

The deadline for submission of titles, authors, and illustrators will be December 31st. The final decision on award winners will be March 1st of each year.
SCREENING OF CANDIDATES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Books either fiction or non-fiction, published one-year prior to the year of award presentation. Books selected should appeal to children and young adults. The books must portray people, places, things, and events in a manner sensitive to the true worth and value of all beings.

ANNOUNCEMENT AND PRESENTATION OF THE AWARD

The awards will be announced and presented at the function conducted by the SRRT Coretta Scott King Award Task Force during the annual conference of the American Library Association. Prior announcements to the library press may be made after March 1st of year of the award is to be given.

FORM AND/OR TYPE OF AWARD

A plaque and a cash award of two hundred fifty dollars ($250.00) will be given for each category of the award: author and illustrator.

DONORS

Donors will be sought to provide the plaque or the cash. In lieu of no donors, the SRRT Coretta Scott King Task Force will provide the awards from the funds obtained from selling tickets to the award presentation activity. Previous donors have been: Johnson Publishing Company; Coca Cola; Worldbook - Childcraft International; and Encyclopedia Britannica.

Submitted by:

SRRT Coretta Scott King Task Force