

THE SRRT CORETTA SCOTT KING AWARD

1. NAME OF THE AWARD

The SRRT Coretta Scott King Award

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Award is to promote better understanding and appreciation of the culture and contribution of all peoples to the realization of the American dream. The Award is designed to commemorate the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and to honor Mrs. Coretta Scott King for her courage and determination to continue the work for peace and world brotherhood.

3. DEFINITION AND CRITERIA

The Award will be made to one Black author and one Black illustrator for outstandingly inspirational contributions. The author and illustrator need not necessarily be associated with the same book. Joint authors and joint illustrators are also eligible.

The books to which the Award is given:

- a. Must be appealing to children and/or young adults
- b. Must portray people, places, things, and events in a manner sensitive to the true worth and value of all beings
- c. Must be published in the calender year preceding the year of the Award presentation
- d. May be either fiction or non-fiction

4. NUMBER AND FREQUENCY OF AWARD

Two Awards - one to a Black author and one to a Black illustrator - will be given annually. If in the opinion of the Selection Jury there is no title which meets the criteria for either category, no Award need be given that year.

Books in either category deemed worthy of Honorable Mention may also be named.

5. SELECTION OF JURY TO ADMINISTER THE AWARD

The Jury to be composed of seven librarians will be appointed by the Chair of the Coretta Scott King Task Force with recommendations from Task Force members. Jury members must be members of the American Library Association and the Social Responsibilities Round Table.

6. DEADLINE FOR NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

The deadline for submission of titles, authors, and illustrators will be December 31st. The final decision on Award winners will be made by March 1st of each year.

7. SELECTION OF BOOKS TO RECEIVE THE AWARD

The SRRT Coretta Scott King Award Jury will use the criteria set forth in this proposal to select the books to receive the Award. The decision of the Jury is final.

8. 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. Announcements to the library press may be made after March 1st of the year in which the Awards are given.

9. FORM AND/OR TYPE OF AWARDS

A framed citation and a cash award of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) will be given for each category of the Award - to the author and the illustrator.

Certificates will be given to the authors and illustrators of books named as Honorable Mention.

10. DONORS

Donors will be sought to provide the citations and the monies. In lieu of 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, and Raymond Gregory. Additional of a set of the encyclopedia for the Award winners have come from World Book-Childcraft International and the Encyclopedia Britannica. The SRRT Coretta Scott King Task Force will make no effort to continue providing these sets of encyclopedias if these donations are discontinued.

Submitted by

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