

ALA Committee Report Form

TO: ALA Council

DATE: April 26, 2022

RE: *(select one)*

ACTION REQUESTED

INFORMATION

REPORT

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Action requested from Councilors is to cast their vote to: *(if applicable)*

Request Council approval the travel grant proposal, The Jason Reynolds/Simon & Schuster Travel Grants to ALA Annual

ACTION REQUESTED BY: *(add committee name)*

Scholarships and Study Grants Committee

CONTACT PERSON: *(add chair information)*

Regina M. Beard

STAFF LIAISON CONTACT:

Kimberly L. Redd

BACKGROUND: *(add information)*

Five travel grants will be awarded annually (for at least the initial 5-year period) to five African American youth/teen services public or school librarians for the purpose of attending ALA Annual conference. Each grant will provide for a maximum award of up to \$3,000 awarded in two payments.

Appendix A

Scholarships and Study Grants Award Application Form

1. Name of the Scholarship or Study Grant

The Jason Reynolds/Simon & Schuster Travel Grants to ALA Annual

2. Definition, Purpose, and Criteria of the Scholarship or Study Grant

The travel grants will be awarded annually (for at least the initial 5-year period) to five black/African American youth/teen services public or school librarians for the purpose of attending the ALA Annual conference. The grants provide up to \$3000 (and not less than \$1500) to cover actual expenses for five black/African American librarians selected by ALA for travel, housing, registration, and cost of ticket to the Coretta Scott King (CSK) Awards breakfast. Grants will be funded by Simon & Schuster and administered by ALA.

3. Number and Frequency of Scholarships or Study Grants

The founding of the travel grant will be announced at the ALA Annual 2022 Coretta Scott King (CSK) and promoted thereafter. Applications will be accepted from September 1 through December 1. Winners will be announced in February. 5 winners will be selected annually for 5 years.

4. Selection of Jury or Review Committee

The selection committee will be comprised of 5 members (including a Chair) appointed by the Scholarship and Study Grant Committee Chair. The committee will include but is not limited to members of the Coretta Scott King Book Award Round Table (CSKBRT) (but not a current CSK jury member), a children's public librarian, a school librarian, and a youth/young adult librarian and staff liaison. A Simon & Schuster employee will serve as an ex-officio (non-voting) member. The committee members will review the applications for completion and eligibility requirements and select the 5 recipients annually.

5. Applicant Submission Requirements and Deadlines

Applications will be accepted from September 1 through December 1. Winners will be announced in February of the following year. 5 winners will be selected annually for 5 years.

Applicants must be ALA members. Applicants will complete an online application, submit a copy of their resume or CV, and submit an essay of no more than 250 words that answers the question: How will attending this ALA Conference contribute to my professional development?

Applicants must be black/African American and live in the US or Canada. Applicants must be current youth or teen services librarians at public libraries or school librarians/media specialists.

Prior recipients of this grant will be excluded from consideration. Incomplete submissions will not be considered.

6. Screening of Candidates/Review of Applications

The selection committee will host virtual meetings and/or review applications in December and January to screen candidates. The 5 winners will be announced in February.

7. Presentation of the Scholarship or Study Grant

The founding of the travel grant will be announced at the ALA Annual 2022 CSK breakfast and promoted thereafter. S&S and ALA will issue a joint press release and promote the grant via social media and email newsletters and possible ads in Booklist. Winners will be notified by phone and emailed an agreement letter in February and be recognized at the CSK breakfast that same year along with the announcement of the opening of next year's application process.

8. Amount, Form and/or Type of Award

The travel grant recipients will receive a check by April 1 in the amount of \$1500 and are responsible for registering for the ALA Annual conference, purchasing a ticket to the CSK breakfast, and making their own travel and housing arrangements. Grant recipients shall complete an expense report and submit receipts for their out-of-pocket costs to ALA, after the conference and on dates as required by ALA and may receive up to \$1500 additional monies to the extent their costs exceed the initial \$1500 granted. The 20% administrative fee not to exceed \$1000 will be included in the funds provided to ALA from Simon & Schuster, Inc.

9. Source of Funding or Donor Name

Simon & Schuster, Inc. will be donating the funds to ALA to support these travel grants.

10. Contact Person

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Note: An electronic version of the proposal or ten (10) print copies must be submitted to the Scholarship and Study Grants Committee staff liaison or chair prior to the Midwinter Meeting or Annual Conference. The Staff Liaison will notify you when to attend the committee meeting for further discussion.