

APPENDIX C

Coretta Scott King-Virginia Hamilton Award for Lifetime Achievement

CATEGORY: Practitioner Award

AWARD NAME: *Coretta Scott King-Virginia Hamilton Award for Lifetime Achievement*

AWARD DEFINITION: The Coretta Scott King-Virginia Hamilton Award for Lifetime Achievement is given in odd years to a practitioner for substantial contributions through active engagement with youth using award-winning African American literature for children and/or young adults through reading and reading related activities/programs. The practitioner may be a current or retired public librarian, academic librarian, school librarian (public or private), educator (pre K-12 or any level therein, or higher education), or youth literature advocate whose vocation, work, volunteer service, or ongoing promotion of books with and/or on behalf of youth is significant and sustained. The CSK Virginia Hamilton Practitioner recipient must be an African American.

The award pays tribute to the quality and magnitude of Virginia Hamilton's exemplary contributions through her literature and advocacy for children and youth, especially in her focus on African American life, history and consciousness.

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR PRACTITIONER

1. The nominee must be or have been a practicing youth advocate whose productive activities, work, or career engages students in the reading of award-winning African American literature for children and young adults.
2. The nominee has made a significant contribution to champion youth reading and engagement with award-winning African American literature.
3. The jury considers the nominee's level of dedication to the promotion of reading and implementation of various reading and reading related programs, depth of involvement, impact of the work, and overall amount of time committed to such service.
4. Preference is given to the nominee whose service in this area has been significant over a period of years, rather than those whose accomplishments, though highly visible, are more limited in duration.
5. The nominee must be living at the deadline of the nomination date.
6. The nomination should include: title page; nomination form, documentation of accomplishments, previous achievements and any other information in support of the nominee.
7. The nomination and any accompanying information must be submitted electronically as a single document.

DEFINITIONS

1. **Practitioner** – One actively engaged in the promotion and use of African American award literature in his/her service community. The nominee may be a retiree who is still actively engaged in the promotion and use of African American literature.
2. **Body of Service/Activities** – Career and/or volunteer service that champions reading, and the promotion of high quality African American literature.
3. **Practitioner's Significant Contribution** – Personal time and effort over and above that normally required, as well as the nominee's impact on large numbers of youth over time.
4. **Practitioner's service over a period of years** – Service for a minimum of ten years.

NOMINATIONS

1. Who is eligible to nominate the Practitioner for the Coretta Scott King-Virginia Hamilton Award for Lifetime Achievement?

ALA members, EMIERT members, and/or CSK members are eligible to submit nominations.

2. Who may be nominated?

Nominees may be anyone who meets the criteria. Membership in ALA, its divisions, or roundtables is not a requirement.

3. What is the deadline for the nominee packet?

The Nomination(s) for Practitioner open the first Monday in September and must be submitted no later than the first Monday in December. The nomination should include all information listed previously under Selection Criteria. Nomination forms are accessible on the ALA website at www.ala.org/emiert/virginia-hamilton-award-lifetime-achievement and through the ALA Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE AWARD WINNER

The winner is announced in alternative years during the Midwinter ALA Youth Media Awards Press Conference at which the CSK Award winners are announced.

PRESENTATION OF THE AWARD

A plaque and \$1500 cash award are presented in odd years to a practitioner. The presentation is part of the Coretta Scott King Awards Breakfast during the American Library Association Annual Conference.

AWARD ADMINISTRATION

The award recipients are selected by the five-member Coretta Scott King-Virginia Hamilton Award for Lifetime Achievement Jury. The award is administered by the Coretta Scott King Book Awards Committee of the **E**thnic and **M**ulticultural **I**nformation **E**xchange **R**ound **T**able (EMIERT) with support of the American Library Association Office of Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services.