HOW AN EMMY IS WON

WHO'S BEHIND ALL THIS?

THE TELEVISION ACADEMY
Established in 1946, by Syd Cassyd, with five charter members, to help industry professionals develop the art and science of television.

FOUNDER
Syd Cassyd

FIRST PRESIDENT
Edgar Bergen

The Television Academy includes

23,000+

VOTING MEMBERS* WITHIN 29 PEER GROUPS, EACH REPRESENTING SPECIFIC TELEVISION INDUSTRY PROFESSIONS

*AS OF MAY 31, 2018

IT'S EMMY'S 70TH BIRTHDAY!

The first Emmy went to ventriloquist and KTLA personality Shirley Dinsdale and her sidekick "Judy Splinters."

The Television Academy considered 47 proposals before choosing television engineer Louis McManus's design concept.

THE ATOM AND ITS ELECTRONS REPRESENT THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF TELEVISION.

WINGS REPRESENT THE MUSE OF ART.

1 DETERMINING NOMINEES

To be nominated,

A PROGRAM, PERFORMER, OR INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT MUST BE SUBMITTED.

If you're eligible, you can (and should!) submit yourself for consideration.

DON'T BE SHY!

2 VOTING BEGINS

Once submissions are in,

VOTERS CHOOSE THE ENTRIES THEY FEEL EXEMPLIFY EXCELLENCE IN THEIR CATEGORIES

Categories

Program

ALL 23,000+ VOTING MEMBERS MAY VOTE ON ALL 16 CATEGORIES, INCLUDING:

- Drama Series
- Comedy Series
- Limited Series
- Television Movie
- Variety Talk Series
- Variety Sketch Series
- Reality Competition
- Short Form Series

Performer

SPECIFIC PEER GROUPS VOTE ON:

- Lead Actress
- Lead Actor
- Supporting Actress
- Supporting Actor
- Guest Actress
- Guest Actor

Individual Achievement

SPECIFIC PEER GROUPS VOTE ON:

- Directing
- Writing
- Other areas of achievement

This year, the Television Academy has received 9100+ entries in 122 categories. Record numbers!

Process

NOMINATIONS-ROUND BALLOTS ARE TALLIED

ERNST & YOUNG ACCOUNTANTS HAND-CHECK BALLOTS

MID-JULY EMMY NOMINEES ARE ANNOUNCED

THIS YEAR'S ANNOUNCERS

Samira Wiley

Ryan Eggold

3 AWARDS-ROUND VOTING

Emmy voters pick their favorites in all the program categories and in the non-program categories for which their peer group can vote.

WHAT DO THEY JUDGE?

PROGRAMS
Each show's producers choose their best episodes of the season.

- Comedy, Drama Series – 6 episodes
- Variety, Documentary, Reality Series – 1 episode
- Children's Programming – 2 episodes
- Limited Series – complete series
- Animated Series – 1 episode

PERFORMERS & INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS
Nominees choose their best work of the season.

OVER THE YEARS, WHERE HAVE VOTERS WATCHED NOMINATED WORK?

1949 – 2001
Voting members watched submissions at the Television Academy and at local hotels.

2002 – 2014
Members applied to be in the "Blue Ribbon Panels" to judge categories; they watched submissions on DVDs at home.

2015 – 2018
Eligible voting members watch content through a secure online platform.

AWARDS-ROUND VOTING IS OPEN TO ALL ELIGIBLE MEMBERS

They cast online votes for their favorite nominees.

They verify they've watched the content.

Votes are cast by the August 27 deadline.

4 THE ENVELOPES, PLEASE

AWARDS-ROUND BALLOTS ARE TALLIED

ERNST & YOUNG ACCOUNTANTS HAND-CHECK BALLOTS

EMMYS MATH = the coolest accounting job ever!

2018

Safe & Sound & Sealed

THE WINNERS' NAMES ARE PRINTED, SEALED AND LOADED INTO SECURE BRIEFCASES.

Ernst & Young accountants deliver the envelopes to the Microsoft Theater.

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MON SEPT 17
8:00 7c

NBC

BACKSTAGE LIVE!
Go behind the scenes at Emmys.com on Emmys day, September 17

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SEPTEMBER 16
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Hosted by
MICHAEL CHIKLIS & COLIN JOST

THE 70TH EMMY AWARDS

2018

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