HOW AN EMMY IS WON

WHO'S BEHIND ALL THIS?

FOUNDER
Syd Cassyd

THE TELEVISION ACADEMY

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

FIRST PRESIDENT
Edgar Bergen

THE TELEVISION ACADEMY INCLUDES **24,000+**

Voting Members* within **29 Peer Groups, Each Representing Specific Television Industry Professions.** *AS OF MAY 31, 2019

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

The first Emmys were presented in 1949 at the Hollywood Athletic Club in Los Angeles. Tickets were $5.00.

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

EMMY'S WINGS REPRESENT THE MUSE 0F ART

The statuette is nickel- then coated in copper, then silver, and gold; the process takes over five hours.

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 24,000+ VOTING MEMBERS MAY VOTE ON ALL 14 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 124 categories. Record numbers!

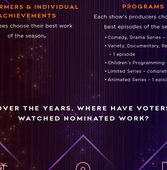
PROCESS

Nominations-round ballots are tallied

Ernst & Young accountants hand-check ballots

July 16
Emmy Nominees are announced

THIS YEAR'S ANNOUNCERS



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Ken Jeong

3. FINAL-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?

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

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

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 – 2019
Eligible voting members watch content through a secure online platform.

FINAL-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 29 deadline.

4. THE ENVELOPES, PLEASE

EMMYS + MATH = the coolest accounting job ever!

Final-round ballots are tallied

Ernst & Young Accountants Hand-Check Ballot

2019

Sets & 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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8ET/5PT FOX LIVE

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Go behind the scenes on Emmys.com on Emmys Day, September 22!

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