



The SAG Awards® Nominating and Voting Process

How are the nominees chosen?

Actors submit their performances from the current year for nominations consideration in categories of the actor's choosing. With the actor's permission, producers, studios/networks, agents, managers or publicists may submit the performances on the actor's behalf. This year's submissions period was July 11 to October 24, 2016.

The nominees for the Screen Actors Guild Awards® for outstanding performances in television and motion pictures are selected by two separate film and television nominating panels. Each composed of 2,500 SAG-AFTRA members in good standing from across the United States. Nominating committee members are randomly selected annually in the spring and must opt-in to serve. SAG-AFTRA members may not be drawn for the same committee again until eight years have passed.

These SAG Awards nominating committee members review film and television performances submitted for consideration to determine the nominees. Voting closed at noon on Dec. 11. Nominations for individual, cast and ensemble categories were announced on Dec. 14, 2016, by **Sophia Bush** (*Chicago P.D.*, *One Tree Hill*) and **Common** (*Suicide Squad*, *Selma*), preceded by SAG Awards Committee Chair **JoBeth Williams** and Committee Member **Jason George** announcing the nominations for outstanding action performance by film and television stunt ensembles.

Who gets to vote?

All 121,546 SAG-AFTRA members who were in good standing as of Dec. 1, 2016, are eligible to vote for the 23rd Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards in all categories. Final voting opened on December 19.

How does the voting take place?

In keeping with the SAG Awards' commitment to sustainable practices, online voting is encouraged and paper ballots are available only upon request received by Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2017.

The Screen Actor Guild Awards' official teller is Integrity Voting Systems of Everett, Washington. This independent third party tabulates all votes received by noon (PT) Friday, Jan. 27, 2017. Results are sealed into envelopes and kept confidential until the envelopes are opened live onstage during the 23rd Annual SAG Awards on Jan. 29.

Complete rules and regulations for the SAG Awards are posted at sagawards.org/media-pr.

How many Actor® awards are given out?

There's no way of knowing how many Actor® statuettes will be presented until the envelopes are opened during the 23rd SAG Awards. Although the categories are known in advance, the possibility of multiple recipients sharing awards in the Outstanding Performance by a Cast in a Motion Picture, Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Drama Series and Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Comedy Series categories makes the total number of statuettes that will be awarded unpredictable. The first statuette cast is on display at SAG-AFTRA headquarters in Los Angeles, and 1,032 statuettes have been awarded since the first Actors were presented in 1995. Any surplus Actor® statuettes will find a home in the SAG Awards vault until next year.

