EMMYS

HOW AN EMMY IS WON

WHO'S BEHIND ALL THIS?

FOUNDER
Syd Cowpuff

FIRST PRESIDENT
Ernie Kovacs

THE TELEVISION ACADEMY

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

THE TELEVISION ACADEMY INCLUDES

NEARLY 22,000 VOTING MEMBERS*

within **31 peer groups**, each representing a specific television industry professions.

*WHEN WRITTEN

THE ARTS AND ITS ELECTRONIC EXPRESSIVE THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF TELEVISION

EMMY AND ITS STRONG INTERLOCKING THE ROOT OF ART

The Television Academy commissioned sculptor, painter, industrial-television engineer Louis McPherson's design concept.

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

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

The name Emmy comes from "Immy," a nickname for the image-orthicon camera tube that was instrumental in the technical development of television.

The first Emmys were presented in 1949 at the Hollywood Athletic Club in Los Angeles. Tickets were $5.

1. DETERMINING NOMINEES

SUBMISSIONS

A PROGRAM, PERFORMER, OR INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT MUST BE SUBMITTED TO BE NOMINATED

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

Don't be shy!

2. VOTING BEGINS

ONCE SUBMISSIONS ARE IN

VOTERS DETERMINE THE NOMINEES BY VOTING FOR THE ENTRIES THEY FEEL EXEMPLIFY EXCELLENCE IN THEIR CATEGORIES

CATEGORIES

PROGRAM

ALL VOTING MEMBERS MAY VOTE ON ALL 15 CATEGORIES, INCLUDING:

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

PERFORMER

PERFORMERS 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 7,400+ entries in 126 categories. The number of nominees per category is determined by the number of submissions in each category, and both Comedy and Drama Series have eight nominees each.

PROCESS

Nominations-round ballots are tallied.

Ernst & Young LLP accountants check ballots.

July 17
Emmy nominees are announced.

THIS YEAR'S ANNOUNCERS

Tony Hale

Sheryl Lee Ralph

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?

PERFORMER & 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
Limited Series – 2 episodes 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 "Blue Ribbon Panels" to judge categories; they watched submissions on DVDs at home.

2015 – present
Secure online platform viewing is introduced in 2015, and in 2020, DVD mailers are eliminated, with all eligible content viewed online.

FINAL-ROUND VOTING IS OPEN TO ALL ELIGIBLE MEMBERS BASED ON THEIR PEER GROUP

They cast online votes for their favorite nominees.

They verify they've watched the content.

Votes are due by the August 24 deadline.

Final-round ballots are tallied.

Ernst & Young LLP accountants check ballots.

EMMYS HALTS
+
SAG-AFTRA and WGA strikes (pictured)

WINNERS' NAMES ARE KNOWN ONLY BY ERNST & YOUNG LLP UNTIL THE ENVELOPES ARE OPENED DURING THE EMMY CEREMONY

4. THE ENVELOPES, PLEASE

EMMYS

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NEXT DAY ON hulu

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