



The SAG Awards® Nominating and Voting Process

The nominees for the **Screen Actors Guild Awards®** for outstanding performances in television and motion pictures are chosen each year by two panels – one for film and one for television. This year's panels were randomly selected in March 2014, with each comprised of 2,200 SAG-AFTRA members from across the United States. Members may not be eligible to be drawn for the same nominating committee until eight years have passed.

Actors may submit their own performances from the current year for consideration in categories of the actor's choosing. With the actor's permission, producers, studios/networks, agents, managers or publicists may also submit performances for consideration in the category designated by the actor. Complete rules and regulations for the SAG Awards are posted at www.sagawards.org/rules.

Submissions for this year's nomination consideration closed on Thursday, Oct. 23, 2014, Nomination ballots were mailed on Wednesday, Nov. 19. Nominating committee votes were cast by Monday Dec. 8, either via the environmentally friendly and secure online voting system or by paper ballots returned directly to Integrity Voting Systems, the SAG Awards' official teller.

Nominations for the 21st Annual SAG Awards were announced Wednesday, Dec. 10, from the Pacific Design Center in West Hollywood by Ansel Elgort, star of the feature films "The Fault in Our Stars" and "Divergent" and actress/director/producer and SAG Award recipient Eva Longoria. The nominations announcement was carried live at 9 a.m. (ET)/ 6 a.m. (PT) on TNT and TBS, as well as online at sagawards.tntdrama.com. Nominations for the Stunt Ensemble Honors were announced on sagawards.tntdrama.com at 8:50 a.m. (ET) / 5:50 a.m. (PT).

Voting information will be mailed via postcard on Tuesday, Dec. 16, to the entire active membership of SAG-AFTRA, who will vote on all categories. In keeping with the SAG Awards commitment to sustainable practices, paper ballots will be available only upon request through Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2015. Online votes or paper ballots must arrive at Integrity Voting Systems by Friday, January 23. The results will then be sealed until the night of the 21st Annual SAG Awards, which will be simulcast live on **TNT** and **TBS**, **Sunday, Jan. 25, 2015, at 8 p.m. (ET)/5 p.m. (PT)**. In addition, TNT will present a primetime encore of the ceremony immediately following the live telecast.

The SAG Awards will not know how many Actor® statuettes it will need until the awards presenters open the envelopes on Jan. 25. Though the number of categories and special awards is known ahead of time, 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. Any surplus Actor statuettes will find a home in the SAG-AFTRA vault until next year.

