



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 actors' behalf. This year's submission's period was July 6 to October 22, 2015.

The nominees for the Screen Actors Guild Awards® for outstanding performances in television and motion pictures were selected by two separate film and television nominating panels. each composed of 2,200 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 reviewed film and television performances submitted for consideration to determine the nominees. Voting closed on Dec. 7. Nominations for individual, cast and ensemble categories were announced on Dec. 9, 2015, at the Pacific Design Center in West Hollywood by **Anna Faris** (*Mom*, *The House Bunny*) and **Anthony Mackie** (*Captain America: The Winter Soldier*, *The Hurt Locker*) in a presentation that was carried live on TNT, TBS, truTV, sagawards.tntdrama.com and truTV.com. This was 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, carried live on sagawards.tntdrama.com.

Who gets to vote?

All 116,741 SAG-AFTRA members who were in good standing as of Dec. 1, 2015, are eligible to vote for the 22nd Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards in all categories.

Final voting information was sent to eligible members on Dec. 16.

How does the voting take place?

In keeping with the SAG Awards' commitment to sustainable practices, online voting is encouraged and paper ballots were available only upon request received by Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2016.

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. 29, 2016. Results are sealed into envelopes and kept confidential until the envelopes are opened live onstage during the 22nd Annual SAG Awards on Jan. 30.

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 22nd 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. Any surplus Actor® statuettes will find a home in the SAG Awards vault until next year.

