



Rules and Procedures for 2020 Awards Eligibility - Television Specialty Categories

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PREFACE

The Producers Guild of America (“PGA”) recognizes outstanding achievement in sports, children’s and short form programming by conferring annual awards of merit in these categories. These rules provide an overview of the standards utilized by the PGA in determining eligibility to submit for awards consideration.

The PGA will honor the program as a whole, rather than the individual producers. While the producers of these programs currently are not required to go through the awards eligibility determination process, the PGA continues to consider individual vetting and recognition for future awards shows. Program winners for these categories will be announced during the Producers Guild Awards, but will not be personally presented with an award at the show.

Thank you for your support of fair eligibility standards and for upholding the integrity of the producer credit through your participation in this process.



RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR 2020 AWARDS ELIGIBILITY TELEVISION SPECIALTY CATEGORIES

A. ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR AWARDS CONSIDERATION

1. **Submission Deadline.** To apply to have the series or special included on the Children's, Sports or Short Form program ballot the Production Company¹ must complete a Notice of Producing Credits Form at www.producersguildawards.com and submit the form by no later than September 26, 2019. The Production Company is advised to carefully review the Notice of Producing Credits Form before submitting it to the PGA.
2. **Fee.** The fee for inclusion of the series or special on the ballot is two hundred dollars (\$200.00).
3. **Children's Programs.**
 - a. **Eligibility Period.** A children's series or special may apply to be included on the Producers Guild Awards ballot if the program originally released, or will originally release, in the United States between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019 (the "Eligibility Period").
 - b. **Eligibility Criteria.** To qualify as a children's program for awards consideration under these rules, the season(s) or the special submitted must not previously have been included on any Producers Guild Awards ballot, and:
 - i. shall be an entertainment or non-fiction series or special designed primarily for children (ages 2-16) in any format (live action, animation, puppetry) (while the program's target audience must be children, this does not preclude family viewing);
 - ii. must have an average episode running time of at least eleven (11) minutes; and
 - iii. for series only, shall have released at least six (6) episodes during the Eligibility Period.
 - c. **Exclusions.** Certain children's programs may qualify to be entered in additional awards categories (i.e., episodic drama or comedy), but the program may be entered in no more than one television category. The category to which the children's program is submitted must be the most reasonably appropriate awards category for the program, as initially selected by the Production Company submitting the program, and ultimately determined in the sole discretion of the PGA.
4. **Sports Programs.**
 - a. **Eligibility Period.** A sports series or special may apply to be included on the Producers Guild Awards ballot if the program originally released, or will originally release, in the United States between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019 (the "Eligibility Period").
 - b. **Eligibility Criteria.** To qualify as a sports program for awards consideration under these rules, the season(s) or the special submitted must not previously have been included on any Producers Guild Awards ballot, and:

¹ The "Production Company" is defined as the copyright owner or other person or business entity legally authorized to designate the producing credits that appear onscreen in the release of the series or special within the United States.

- i. shall consist of at least two-thirds original material, unless the previously produced material has been given some unique and creative treatment that results in an original program, as determined solely by the PGA; and
- ii. must have an average episode running time of at least eleven (11) minutes; and
- iii. for series only, shall have released at least three (3) episodes during the Eligibility Period.

c. *Exclusions.*

- i. Sports series or specials that have had a theatrical release are not eligible for consideration.
- ii. Certain sports programs may qualify to be entered in additional awards categories (i.e., non-fiction), but the program may be entered in no more than one television category. The category to which the sports program is submitted must be the most reasonably appropriate awards category for the program, as initially selected by the Production Company submitting the program, and ultimately determined in the sole discretion of the PGA.

5. Short Form Programs.

- a. *Eligibility Period.* A short form series or special may apply to be included on the Producers Guild Awards ballot if the program originally released, or will originally release, in the United States between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019 (the “Eligibility Period”).
- b. *Eligibility Criteria.* To qualify as a short form program for awards consideration under these rules, the season(s) or the special submitted must not previously have been included on any Producers Guild Awards ballot, and:
 - i. must have an average episode running time of less than twenty (20) minutes; and
 - ii. for series only, shall have released at least three (3) episodes during the Eligibility Period.
- c. *Short Form Program Vetting Panel.* A panel shall be established by the Vice President of the PGA New Media Council (“NMC”) to determine whether the short form series or special complies with the eligibility requirements provided herein.
 - i. *Formation:* The Short Form Program Vetting Panel (“Vetting Panel”) shall consist of five members from the NMC as selected by the Vice President of the NMC. The Vetting Panel must be selected and approved prior to the nomination period for this category.
 - ii. *Member Requirements:* The PGA recommends that members of the Vetting Panel have experience in short form content production. No member shall serve on the Vetting Panel if she or he has any interest in the outcome of the vetting.
 - iii. *Authority:* The Vetting Panel shall function with the authority of the PGA and shall have the discretion to make the final determination regarding which of the short form programs submitted are eligible to be included on the ballot.

B. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Awards Recognition. The awards for children's, sports and short form programs will honor the programs as a whole, rather than the individual producers of the programs. Thus, the producers of these programs are not required to go through the awards eligibility determination process. Program winners for these categories will be announced during the Producers Guild Awards, but will not be personally presented with an award at the show.
2. Award Trophies. The winning program in each category is entitled to receive one Producers Guild Award trophy, at no cost, which will be given to the Production Company or legal entity in charge of distribution of the program. The trophy is engraved with the name of the winning program only. The Production Company, network, studio or web/internet company may order additional trophies from the PGA for a fee that is to be borne by the requesting party.
3. Limited Liability. It is the responsibility of the Production Company to provide correct information regarding the series or special on the Notice of Producing Credits Form. The PGA may, at any time, disqualify any series or special that it determines to be ineligible.