



## TV Categories

### National:

<b>1 Actress in a Leading Role- Comedy or Musical [TV – National]</b>	This awards an outstanding performance by a leading female character in a scripted comedy or musical special. A series is a program with an ongoing theme, storyline and main characters, and a minimum of six continuous episodes. Must appear in a minimum of six episodes.
<b>2 Actress in a Supporting Role- Comedy or Musical [TV- National]</b>	This awards an outstanding performance by a supporting female character in a scripted comedy or musical series. A series is a program with an ongoing theme, storyline and main characters, and a minimum of six continuous episodes. Must appear in a minimum of six episodes.
<b>3 Actress in a Leading Role- Drama [TV – National]</b>	This awards an outstanding performance by a leading female character in a scripted fictional program with at least six episodes in which the ongoing storyline, theme and main characters are presented under the same title. [Average episode length is approximately 60 minutes.] Must appear in a minimum of six episodes.
<b>4 Actress in a Supporting Role- Drama [TV – National]</b>	This awards an outstanding performance by a supporting female character in a scripted fictional program with at least six episodes in which the ongoing storyline, theme and main characters are presented under the same title. [Average episode length is approximately 60 minutes.] Must appear in a minimum of six episodes.
<b>5 Female in a Leading Role- Made for TV Movie or Limited Series [TV – National]</b>	This awards a performance by a leading female character in a scripted single closed-end program with a minimum duration of 90 minutes made specifically for television (TV movie) or in a program with two or more episodes with a total running time of at least 150 program minutes that tells a complete, non-recurring story, and does not have an ongoing storyline and/or main characters in subsequent seasons (limited series).

## Deadlines

Early Bird Rates End Dec 8, 2016  
 Final Entry Deadline Jan 12, 2017

## Pricing

**National:** \$230 Early Bird Pricing  
 \$280 Regular Rate

**Local:** \$170 Early Bird Pricing  
 \$220 Regular Rate

**Student:** \$50 Early Bird Pricing  
 \$75 Regular Rate

<b>6 Female in a Supporting Role- Made for TV Movie or Limited Series [TV – National]</b>	This awards a performance by a supporting female actor in a movie made specifically for television or in a program with two or more episodes with a total running time of at least 150 program minutes that tells a complete, non-recurring story, and does not have an ongoing storyline and/or main characters in subsequent seasons.
<b>7 Actress in a Featured or Guest Role [TV – National]</b>	This awards an outstanding performance in a non-recurring role in a comedy, musical or drama series. The performer must appear in less than 50% of the episodes to be eligible.
<b>8 Actress in a Breakthrough Role [TV – National]</b>	This awards an outstanding performance by a female actor in a TV series, special or limited series, which attracts the attention of film critics and the public, represents the beginning of critical recognition and is likely to make a significant contribution to the development of the actor's career.
<b>9 Ensemble Cast [TV – National]</b>	Made up of outstanding cast members in which the principal actors are assigned roughly equal amounts of importance and screen time in a drama, comedy or musical series, TV movie, or limited series.
<b>10 Director [TV – National]</b>	This award honors outstanding broadcasting by a director who excels at inspiring and creating compelling entertainment, news or documentary-style content.
<b>11 Producer- Entertainment [TV – National]</b>	This award honors outstanding broadcasting by a producer who delivers vibrant and compelling entertainment content that immediately engages and connects with viewers.
<b>12 Producer- News [TV – National]</b>	This award honors outstanding broadcasting by a producer that can create intellectually stimulating and visually compelling news stories in a highly credible and compelling manner.
<b>13 Producer- Documentary/Reality/Non-Fiction [TV – National]</b>	This award honors outstanding broadcasting by a producer that can create highly compelling documentary/reality/non-fiction programming.
<b>14 On-Air Talent - News or News Magazine [TV – National]</b>	This award honors outstanding broadcasting by an on-air talent who demonstrates a keen understanding of the scope and impact of the story delivered and the skills to deliver those stories in a highly credible and compelling manner.
<b>15 On-Air Talent - Entertainment and Sports [TV – National]</b>	This award honors outstanding broadcasting by on-air talent who is uniquely entertaining and informative. She will have a memorable personality, voice and skill to connect with the audience in a way that is highly engaging and authentic.

<b>16 Reporter/Correspondent [TV – National]</b>	This award honors outstanding work by a reporter/correspondent who knows how to get to the heart of a story in a way that engages and connects with viewers. This is an outstanding individual who gathers news and keeps the public informed about important events through personal interviews, news briefings and reports.
<b>17 Comedy [TV – National]</b>	This award honors outstanding series programming created in a humorous or familiar style and depicts laughable characters and situations. Can include sitcom, sketch, improvisation and animated programming.
<b>18 Drama [TV – National]</b>	This award honors outstanding series programming that depicts real life situations that are exaggerated yet relatable, through the use of themes, settings, issues and narrative. Can include period, police procedural, crime, medical, sci-fi or teen dramas.
<b>19 Non-Fiction or Reality Show [TV – National]</b>	This awards outstanding programming that documents unscripted real-life situations, often featuring an otherwise unknown cast.
<b>20 Limited Series or Made for Television Movie [TV – National]</b>	A limited series is based on a single theme or story line, which is resolved within the piece. It consists of two or more episodes with a total running time of at least four broadcast hours (at least 150 program minutes). In a single awards year all of the parts must be presented under the same title and have continuity of production supervision. A television movie is defined as an original program, which tells a story with beginning, middle and end, and is broadcast in one part.
<b>21 Special or Variety [TV – National]</b>	This awards an outstanding variety program or special, which is comprised of discrete scenes, musical numbers, comedy stand-ups, sketches, audience or guest participation, honors (or any mix and match of the above) without a storyline, dramatic arc or characters to connect the pieces.
<b>22 Talk Show – Entertainment [TV – National]</b>	This award honors outstanding programming that includes interviews that depict the interviewee in a way that is unique, entertaining and highly compelling with a focus on human interest, entertainment, lifestyle or health topics.
<b>23 Talk Show – News [TV - National]</b>	This award honors outstanding interviews that depict the interviewee in a way that is unique, entertaining and highly compelling with a focus on soft and hard news, issues and events that impact national and international affairs. Includes morning and weekend talk shows.
<b>24 Sports Feature [TV - National]</b>	This award honors outstanding programming focused on sports, sporting events or sports figures on a national level.

<b>25 Family Series [TV – National]</b>	This award honors excellence for an entertainment series or special or a nonfiction series or special designed primarily for family viewing with situations and language appropriate for children in any format (live action, animation, puppetry, musical, etc).
<b>26 Documentary [TV – National]</b>	This award honors outstanding stand-alone programming that portrays factual/non-fiction dramatized reenactments or coverage of actual events or reality to inform or educate viewers. Includes long form and short form.
<b>27 Hard News Feature [TV – National]</b>	This award honors outstanding news coverage that relates the circumstances of a recent event or incident considered to be of general local, regional, national or international significance, as distinguished from routine news items, feature stories or human-interest stories.
<b>28 Soft News Feature [TV – National]</b>	This award honors outstanding news coverage that centers on the lives of individuals and has little, if any, perceived urgency. Can include entertainment, arts and lifestyle news.
<b>29 News Magazine or Interview Series [TV – National]</b>	This award honors an outstanding news magazine series featuring journalists/correspondents who cover a variety of topics through in-depth interviews and/or commentary.
<b>30 News Series [TV – National]</b>	This award honors an outstanding news series of several short segments of news relating to the same overall topic.
<b>31 Investigative Feature [TV – National]</b>	This award honors outstanding coverage of events that impact national or international affairs. Must contain in-depth investigation and reporting of the facts on a single topic of interest. Story can unfold through time and/or sequence.
<b>32 Interview Feature [TV – National]</b>	This award honors outstanding interviews that depict the interviewee in a way that is unique, entertaining and highly compelling.

**Local:**

<b>33 Director [TV – Local]</b>	This award honors excellence in broadcasting by a director who excels at inspiring and creating compelling entertainment, news or documentary-style content.
<b>34 Producer- Live [TV – Local]</b>	This award honors outstanding broadcasting by a producer that can create intellectually stimulating and visually compelling news stories in a highly credible and compelling manner during a live broadcast.
<b>35 Producer- Edited [TV – Local]</b>	This award honors outstanding broadcasting by a producer that can create highly compelling programming after the editing process.

<b>36 On-Air Talent [TV – Local]</b>	This award honors outstanding broadcasting by on-air talent, including a reporter, host or anchor, who demonstrates a keen understanding of the scope and impact of the story she is delivering, and the skills to deliver those stories in a highly credible and compelling manner.
<b>37 Talk Show – [TV – Local]</b>	This award honors an outstanding talk show that is unique, entertaining and highly compelling. Includes entertainment, lifestyle, health and news talk shows.
<b>38 Sports Feature [TV – Local]</b>	This award honors an outstanding feature focused on sports, sporting events or sports figures.
<b>39 Community/Regional Programming [TV – Local]</b>	This award honors an outstanding regional or community entertainment program or nonfiction program in any format.
<b>40 Documentary [TV – Local]</b>	This awards honors outstanding stand-alone programming that portrays factual/non-fiction dramatized reenactments or coverage of actual events or reality to inform or educate viewers. Short- and long-form accepted.
<b>41 Hard News Feature [TV – Local]</b>	This awards honors outstanding news that relates the circumstances of a recent event, incident or issue considered to be of general local, regional, national or international significance.
<b>42 Soft News Feature [TV – Local]</b>	This awards honors outstanding news that is primarily entertaining, informative or personally useful. Can include entertainment, arts and lifestyle news, human interest and feature stories.
<b>43 Investigative Feature [TV – Local]</b>	This award honors outstanding coverage of events that impact national or international affairs. Must contain in-depth investigation and reporting of the facts on a single topic of interest. Story can unfold through time and/or sequence.

**Student:**

<b>44 Director [TV – Student]</b>	This award honors excellence in broadcasting by a director who excels at inspiring and creating compelling content.
<b>45 Producer [TV – Student]</b>	This award honors excellence in broadcasting by a producer who delivers vibrant and compelling entertainment content that immediately engages and connects with viewers.
<b>46 On-Air Talent [TV – Student]</b>	This award honors excellence in broadcasting by a host who is uniquely entertaining and informative. She will have a memorable personality, voice and skill to connect with the audience in a way that is highly engaging and authentic.
<b>47 Documentary [TV – Student]</b>	This awards honors outstanding stand-alone programming that portrays factual/non-fiction dramatized reenactments or coverage of actual events or reality to inform or educate viewers. Short- and long-form accepted.

<b>48 Hard News Feature [TV – Student]</b>	This awards honors outstanding news that relates the circumstances of a recent event, incident or issue considered to be of general local, regional, national or international significance.
<b>49 Soft News Feature [TV – Student]</b>	This awards honors outstanding news that is primarily entertaining, informative or personally useful. Can include entertainment, arts and lifestyle news, human interest and feature stories.