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FILM AWARDS

1. ELIGIBILITY

1.1. 2021 Canadian Screen Awards Eligibility Period: January 1, 2020 - April 30, 2021

1.2. Feature Film Eligibility

2021 Canadian Screen Awards

A Feature Film must be publicly exhibited during the Eligibility Period of **January 1, 2020 - April 30, 2021**. A Feature Film may qualify by satisfying one of the following qualifying criteria:

A. Films that intended a theatrical release during the COVID-19 Pandemic but were made available through commercial streaming on an Academy approved Qualifying SVOD/VOD platform.

OR

B. A minimum of four (4) screenings in a regular commercial theatre to a paying audience in at least **ONE** of the following cities: Calgary, Edmonton, Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa, Quebec City, Saskatoon, St. John's, Toronto, Vancouver, Victoria, and Winnipeg.

OR

C. Acceptance to an Academy Approved Qualifying Canadian Film Festival along with a release on at least one approved Qualifying VOD/SVOD platform (as specified on the academy.ca/awards website).

1.3. Short Films Eligibility:

2021 Canadian Screen Awards

1. COMMERCIAL SCREENINGS:

Short Films Only - During the period of **January 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021**, a minimum of one (1) theatrical screening to a paying audience other than a festival; or, a commercial release on one of the Academy approved SVOD/VOD platforms.

OR

2. FESTIVALS SCREENINGS

Animated Shorts and Live Action Short Drama - During the period of **January 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021**, acceptance into at least two (2) Academy approved Canadian film festivals.

OR

3. INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL SCREENINGS:

During the period of **January 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021**, winner of a “Best of” or comparable distinction decided upon by a jury at an Academy approved International Festival or comparable award of distinction.

1.4. List of Eligible Platforms for Commercial Screenings

Amazon Prime Canada Apple iTunes Canada CBC Gem Cineplex Store Club Illico Crave The Criterion Channel CuriosityStream digital TIFF Bell Lightbox Disney+ Dove Channel Fandor FlixFling Google Play Greetings from Isolation GuideDoc HighballTV	Hollywood Suite Hoopla Ignite TV (On Demand) Kanopy Microsoft Films & TV MUBI Canada Netflix Canada Pantaflix Popcornflix Shudder Spuul Sundance Now Super Channel Tubi Vimeo (On Demand) YouTube (Buy or Rent)
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If an online platform does not appear on this list, please contact the Academy at awards@academy.ca.

2. CATEGORY CHANGES

2.1. Achievement in Overall Sound	
2020 Canadian Screen Awards	2021 Canadian Screen Awards
<i>Achievement in Overall Sound</i>	TITLE CHANGE <i>Achievement in Sound Mixing</i>
	NEW CATEGORY <i>Achievement in Casting</i>

DOCUMENTARY AWARDS

1. ELIGIBILITY

1.1. 2021 Canadian Screen Awards Eligibility Periods	
Feature & Short Documentary Film	January 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021
Television & Digital Media	September 1, 2019 to November 15, 2020

1.2. Feature and Short Documentary Film Eligibility
2021 Canadian Screen Awards
<p><i>During the Eligibility Period of January 1, 2020 - April 30, 2021, a Feature or Short Documentaries may qualify by satisfying one of the following qualifying criteria:</i></p> <p>1. COMMERCIAL SCREENINGS: <i>Feature and Short Documentaries that intended a theatrical release during the COVID-19 Pandemic but were made available through commercial streaming on an Academy approved Qualifying SVOD/VOD platform.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p><i>During the period of January 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021, a minimum of three (3) theatrical screenings to a paying audience other than a festival;</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>2. FESTIVAL SCREENINGS: <i>Documentary (Feature & Short) - During the period of January 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021, acceptance into at least two (2) Academy approved Canadian film festivals.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>3. INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL SCREENINGS: <i>During the period of January 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021, winner of a “Best of” or comparable distinction decided upon by a jury at an Academy approved International Festival or comparable award of distinction.</i></p>

TELEVISION AWARDS

1. ELIGIBILITY PERIOD

1.1. 2021 Canadian Screen Awards Eligibility Period: September 1, 2019 to November 15, 2020
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2. ENTRY FEES

2.1 Special COVID-19 Temporary entry fee reduction

<i>Due to COVID-19 pandemic and in order to encourage submitters to enter their productions to the Awards, the Academy will temporarily lower the Early Bird entry fees for Television entries by 25%.</i>
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3. CATEGORY CHANGES

3.2 Category Changes	
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2020 Canadian Screen Awards	2021 Canadian Screen Awards
—	NEW CATEGORY <i>Best Performing Arts Program</i>

DIGITAL MEDIA AWARDS

1. ELIGIBILITY

1.1. 2021 Canadian Screen Awards Eligibility Period: September 1, 2019 to November 15, 2020.

2. CATEGORY CHANGES

2.1. Associated Craft Category	
Best Achievement in Casting	<i>Best Achievement in Casting</i> added as an associated craft to the following categories: 1033. <i>Best Web Program or Series, Fiction</i> 1034. <i>Best Web Program or Series, Non-Fiction</i>

NEWS & SPORTS AWARDS

1. ELIGIBILITY

1.1. 2021 Canadian Screen Awards Eligibility Period	
News	September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020
Sports	September 1, 2019 to February 28, 2021

1.2. 9001. Best News or Information Segment	
2020 Canadian Screen Awards	2021 Canadian Screen Awards
<i>This award is limited to a maximum of one (1) entry per program.</i>	<i>This award is limited to a maximum of two (2) entries per program.</i>

2. SPORTS

2021 Sports Awards Timetable	
Sports Eligibility Period	September 1, 2019 to February 28, 2021
Sports Submission Sites Open	October 2020 (TBC)
Sports Submission Final Deadline	March 1, 2021
Sports Awards Jury Day	Late May or Early June 2021
Sports Awards Nominee Announcement	Mid-to-late June 2021
Sports Awards	July 2021 (TBC)

NUMBER OF NOMINATIONS & WINNERS

TIEBREAKER RULE

Should the membership vote result in tied submissions causing the number of nominations to be greater than six (6), the Academy will make the decision whether to include all tied nominations as part of the official nominee list. In those cases, if removing all tied-submissions yields fewer than three (3) total nominations, all tied submissions will automatically be included on the final nomination list.