

WRITERS GUILD OF AMERICA 71th ANNUAL AWARDS CATEGORIES

Screenplay:

Original, Adapted, Documentary

**Series: Television and New Media series with episodes over 15 minutes in length are eligible
Comedy, Drama, New**

(1A)* Long Form— Original – and

(1B)* Long Form— Adaptation - Over one hour: A long form television or new media motion picture is a motion picture, over one hour in length, including **MOWs** and **limited series**.

An **original long form** teleplay is a teleplay that is not based on any source material of a story nature.

An **adapted long form** teleplay is a teleplay that is based on previously exploited material of a story nature (e.g. a novel, a produced play or a series of published articles) or any other material written outside of the Guild's jurisdiction. **Sequels and remakes** will be considered adapted teleplays.

A **limited series (including miniseries)** is defined as at least two but not more than 13 episodes with a total running time of at least three broadcast or exhibition hours that is based on a single theme or story line which is resolved within the piece. **Limited series** that are four hours or less may be submitted in their entirety or in part (i.e., one part, one airing or exhibition time), and a synopsis, if any, may be submitted for the remainder. In the case of limited series over four hours, up to four hours may be submitted and a synopsis permitted for the remainder.

(2)* Animation – Any length, one airing time

(3)* Episodic Drama – and

(4)* Episodic Comedy –Television: One hour or less, one airing time (synopsis, if any, permitted for remainder).

A Pilot Script must be entered in category #3 or #4, regardless of broadcast or exhibition length.

New media: Over 15 minutes in length - not to exceed one hour; one exhibition time (synopsis, if any, permitted for remainder).

(5A)* Comedy/Variety - Talk Series

(5B)* Comedy/Variety—Music, Awards, Tributes and Specials

(5C)* Comedy/Variety - Sketch Series

(5D)* Comedy/Variety—Quiz and Audience Participation

(6A)* Documentary Script—Current Events – Any length, one part, one airing time (synopsis permitted for remainder)

(6B)* Documentary Script—Other Than Current Events – Any length, one part, one airing time (synopsis permitted for remainder)

(7A)* News Script—Regularly Scheduled, Bulletin, or Breaking Report – One air date

(7B)* News Script—Analysis, Feature, or Commentary – One air date

(8)* Daytime Drama

(9A)* Children's Script—Episodic and Specials – Up to one hour, one part, one airing time, intended primarily for children.

(9B)* Children's Script—Long Form or Special – Over one hour, one or two parts, one or two airing times, intended primarily for children.

(10)* Radio/Audio Documentary – Any length

(11)* Radio/Audio News Script—Regularly Scheduled, Bulletin, or Breaking Report

(12)* Radio/Audio News Script—Analysis, Feature, or Commentary

(13)* On-Air Promotion Radio or Television

(14)* Graphic Art and Graphic Animation

(15A)* Short Form New Media—Original – Less than 15 minutes in length

(15B)* Short Form New Media—Adapted – Less than 15 minutes in length

(16)* Digital News – Any length text – only material posted online, including news, current events, commentary, criticism or opinion.

Videogames

***Please see Special Instructions**

