

ANIMATION SOURCE CHOICE AWARDS

Official Rules, 1st Awards Edition

Section I: Eligible Films

For Best Picture, Best Director, Best Animation, Fan Favorite, Best Score: Any film classified as “animated” released the previous year, from January 1 through December 31, in any theater worldwide. This can include films of any language, and includes but is not limited to: hand-drawn (2D) animation, computer-generated imagery (CGI) animation, stop-motion animation, motion-capture animation, and silhouette animation.

For Best Screenplay: The films eligible must have a screenplay readily available for public view by January 31 of the following year. Exceptions to this include those films whose screenplays are copyright protected, in which case the screenplay must be at least well-known. Films whose screenplays were written by more than four people are exempt from this category.

For Best Voice Actor, Best Voice Actress: Generally, those eligible must have played title or lead characters in their respective films, though exceptions apply. Any film may receive any number of nominations for each category.

For Best Sequel: The films eligible must be a sequel, prequel, spin-off or rip-off of a previously released film. This category can also include direct-to-video films.

For Film Most Likely to Receive a Sequel: The films eligible must be an original film, with no previous films being made that includes the characters from that film. Exceptions apply, such as re-boots.

For Best Song: The songs eligible for this category must be released with the film associated with the song, and must be made in conjunction with the movie. It cannot have received a previous release outside of the movie’s soundtrack or score.

For Favorite Character (Male), Favorite Character (Female): Unlike the Best Voice Actor and Best Voice Actress, those eligible can be from any film and play any role in the film, major or minor. Any number of characters from any film can be nominated for either category.

For Best Animated Video Game: To be eligible for this category, the video game must be classified as “animated” per current Annie Awards rules. These can be original or based off another animated media.

For Best Animated TV Series: Television series must be classified as “animated”, and have its network premiere between October 10 of two years ago and December 31 of the previous year.

For Best Non-Theatrical Film: Those films eligible must be classified as “animated” and have been released in its entirety in a media other than theater between January 1 and December 31 of the previous year. This includes video release, network premiere, and instant streaming.

For Best Foreign-Release Film: Those eligible must have seen a theatrical release outside of the United States between January 1 and December 31 of the previous. If there are less than four films released in a different language, a fourth may be nominated if it was in English but never saw an American release. These films are also eligible for other categories.

Section II: Voting

Any current member of Animation Source can vote once for any category they choose. It does not matter how long they have been active, or how long it has been since they have been active. If they have an account on Animation Source, they can vote.

Multiple-account voting is not allowed. If it is found out that numerous accounts were used to vote, all votes will be discounted from those accounts.

Preliminary voting will take place from January 1 through January 31 of the year hosting the current Animation Source Choice Awards. After the shortlist is announced, final voting will take place between February 1 and February 29.

The only member of Animation Source who cannot vote is the judge, who will tally the votes. If requested, a second judge will be allowed to make sure that the first judge counted votes unbiasedly.

The method of voting is this: the member must PM the judge with their vote. They can vote only one time per category, but not all votes have to be sent in at once; if the member wants to send in a vote for one category and then another category later, this is allowed. Private Messages are the *only* form of voting; no emails, no mentioning on a shoutbox, etc.

Section III: Dates

September 1, 2011: The judge goes through the list of all animated films released the current year, and declares films eligible for each category.

December 1, 2011: The judge reviews the films and list, makes final adjustments, and prepares a PDF copy to release to Animation Source.

January 1, 2012: Eligible films announced for each category. Members can begin voting for a shortlist for each category.

January 31, 2012: Preliminary voting ends. Judge counts up votes and creates a shortlist.

February 1, 2012: Nominees announced. Members can start voting for the final pick.

February 29, 2012: Voting ends. Judge counts up final votes and creates winners list.

March 15, 2012: Winners announced at a live show by the judge and willing participants.

March 16, 2012: Winners announced on Animation Source.