



## ACO - BSC - GBCT Operators Award 2017

TV DRAMA



**This prestigious award is given once a year for outstanding work in a Television Drama Production.**

**The award acknowledges the craft, technical and artistic ability that a dedicated Camera Operator must have to achieve or surpass the aesthetic and technical demands of the Director and Director of Photography.**

Please read the criteria carefully and if you are eligible to apply, then complete the submission form at: [www.operatorsaward.com](http://www.operatorsaward.com)

### **Submission Criteria:**

1. Open to all Television Dramas that have had their first transmission on British Television, terrestrial, cable or satellite, Netflix or other Internet channels during the qualifying period of **1st September 2016 to 31st August 2017**.
2. Please note, the drama can have been broadcast earlier overseas, but to qualify it must first have been transmitted on British TV during the qualifying period or have its first transmission on Netflix or other Internet channels in the UK.
3. To qualify it must be a single drama, or a longer drama production/mini-series with a single theme and storyline or an episode of a regular drama series.
4. The applicant must carry 'A' Camera Operator credit for their entry OR where an 'A Camera Operator' feels a joint application with other Operators is appropriate, their names should be listed on the application too.

5. In the rare event that the applicant can give a good reason for multiple Camera Operators to be considered for the same production, the Awards Administration Team will take a view and if it deems there is a case for consideration; a vote will be called of the Operators Award Committee.
6. In the case that more than one name is submitted, the name of the applicant has to be the lead "A" Camera Operator.
7. There will only be one winner. (Unless extraordinary circumstances exist. ie. multiple entries for same production).
8. 'A' Camera Operators worldwide, are eligible to enter provided the above criteria is met.
9. Only one entry can be submitted per applicant.
10. If a qualifying member of the ACO/BSC or GBCT has put a subsequent proposal forward, the applicant must choose the one s/he feels is their best work.

It is the responsibility of the qualifying member to inform the suggested applicant that they must submit a 10-minute vimeo of their work.

**Submissions:**

Submissions will be open from: **1st September 2017 to 29th September 2017.** at the Operators Award website - <http://www.theoperatorsaward.com>

**Rules:**

1. Applicants must initially submit a ten-minute selection from the submitted drama by upload to Vimeo at [www.vimeo.com](http://www.vimeo.com) - you will need to create an account, But it is free to do so (see important information below).
2. The ten-minute selection can be a continuous excerpt from the chosen drama, or a series of excerpts from the same chosen work, each no shorter than 30 seconds in duration. Complete scenes do not need to be shown, but excerpts must not be edited to alter the original sequence of shots or scene order.
3. The excerpt(s) must carry the original sound track only.
4. The uploaded entry must carry a front title card of 5 seconds duration with the name of the production, episode number, if relevant, and full name of the 'A' Camera Operator. This is not counted in the 10-minute limit. It is worth giving the same information to the name of the uploaded file if possible.
5. The video should be uploaded to Vimeo as an H264 Quicktime file, 25 fps constant frame rate, 720p HD(1280 x 720 px) at a bit rate of 5000 and no more than 10,000kbit/s. Audio should be AAC at 320 kbit/s. See <http://vimeo.com/help/compression> for more info.

## **Nominations:**

All qualifying members from the 3 societies will be asked to screen the submissions between the **1st September 2017 and 15th October 2017** (by login to the Operators Award website) and will be able to nominate up to 2 productions.

Members eligible to propose and vote:

ACO -All Members and Patrons

BSC -Full, Associate and Honorary (Consisting of retired Directors of Photography and Camera Operators)

GBCT -All Members and Patrons

(Qualifying members with multiple memberships can only vote under one society).

Please Note: After the 26th August 2017, any new member elected to any of the societies - ACO, BSC or GBCT - will not be able to participate in this year's award.

The submissions with the highest number of votes will constitute the nominations.

The nominations will then be judged upon by a jury, made up from the Operators Award Committee and/or the qualifying members - chaired by Mike Southon BSC - where the winner will be voted on.

The winner will be announced at the BSC Operators Night on the 1st December 2017 at the Langham Hotel, London.

(Voting procedures will be overseen by an independent organisation)

There is no entry fee.