

List of black Academy Award winners and nominees

This **list of black Academy Award winners and nominees** is current as of the 91st Academy Awards ceremony which was held on February 24, 2019.



Hattie McDaniel was the first African American to win an Academy Award, in 1939.

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Best Actor in a Leading Role

Best Actor in a Leading Role					
Year	Name	Film	Role	Status	Milestone
<u>1958</u>	<u>Sidney Poitier</u>	<u>The Defiant Ones</u>	Noah Cullen	Nominated	First black actor to be nominated for Best Actor.
<u>1963</u>		<u>Lilies of the Field</u>	Homer Smith	Won	First black man to win an Oscar First Bahamian to win Best Actor First black actor to receive two acting nominations (Best Actor). Youngest black actor to win Best Actor (age 37).
<u>1970</u>	<u>James Earl Jones</u>	<u>The Great White Hope</u>	Jack Jefferson	Nominated	
<u>1972</u>	<u>Paul Winfield</u>	<u>Souder</u>	Nathan Lee Morgan	Nominated	First film to feature African-American nominees for both Best Actor and Best Actress.
<u>1986</u>	<u>Dexter Gordon</u>	<u>Round Midnight</u>	Dale Turner	Nominated	First jazz musician to be nominated for Best Actor
<u>1989</u>	<u>Morgan Freeman</u>	<u>Driving Miss Daisy</u>	Hoke Colburn	Nominated	
<u>1992</u>	<u>Denzel Washington</u>	<u>Malcolm X</u>	<u>Malcolm X</u>	Nominated	
<u>1993</u>	<u>Laurence Fishburne</u>	<u>What's Love Got to Do with It</u>	<u>Ike Turner</u>	Nominated	Second film to feature African-American nominees for both Best Actor and Best Actress.
<u>1994</u>	<u>Morgan Freeman</u>	<u>The Shawshank Redemption</u>	Ellis Boyd 'Red' Redding	Nominated	
<u>1999</u>	<u>Denzel Washington</u>	<u>The Hurricane</u>	<u>Rubin Carter</u>	Nominated	
<u>2001</u>		<u>Training Day</u>	Alonzo Harris	Won	Second African-American actor to receive the award for Best Actor. First time two African-American performers won in leading role Oscars in the same year (Halle Berry, <u>Monster's Ball</u>). First African-American actor to win multiple competitive Academy Awards. First and only African-American actor to win Academy Awards in both acting categories (lead and supporting).
	<u>Will Smith</u>	<u>Ali</u>	<u>Muhammad Ali</u>	Nominated	First time multiple African-American actors received Best Actor nominations.
<u>2004</u>	<u>Jamie Foxx</u>	<u>Ray</u>	<u>Ray Charles</u>	Won	First African-American actor to receive two acting nominations in the same year.
	<u>Don Cheadle</u>	<u>Hotel Rwanda</u>	<u>Paul Rusesabagina</u>	Nominated	
<u>2005</u>	<u>Terrence Howard</u>	<u>Hustle & Flow</u>	DJay	Nominated	
<u>2006</u>	<u>Forest Whitaker</u>	<u>The Last King of Scotland</u>	<u>Idi Amin</u>	Won	
	<u>Will Smith</u>	<u>The Pursuit of Happyness</u>	<u>Chris Gardner</u>	Nominated	

<u>2009</u>	Morgan Freeman	<i>Invictus</i>	<u>Nelson Mandela</u>	Nominated	
<u>2012</u>	Denzel Washington	<i>Flight</i>	William "Whip" Whitaker	Nominated	
<u>2013</u>	<u>Chiwetel Ejiofor</u>	<i>12 Years a Slave</i>	<u>Solomon Northup</u>	Nominated	First black British actor to be nominated for Best Actor
<u>2016</u>	Denzel Washington	<i>Fences</i>	Troy Maxson	Nominated	
<u>2017</u>		<i>Roman J. Israel, Esq.</i>	Roman J. Israel	Nominated	Denzel Washington has the most nominations for an African-American Actor: Best Actor (6 nominations) and Best Supporting Actor (2 nominations). First African-American actor to be nominated two years in a row
		<u>Daniel Kaluuya</u>	<i>Get Out</i>	Chris Washington	Nominated

Best Actress in a Leading Role

Best Actress in a Leading Role					
Year	Name	Film	Role	Status	Milestone
1954	<u>Dorothy Dandridge</u>	<u>Carmen Jones</u>	Carmen Jones	Nominated	First African-American actress to be nominated for Best Actress.
1972	<u>Diana Ross</u>	<u>Lady Sings the Blues</u>	<u>Billie Holiday</u>	Nominated	First African-American actress to receive an Academy Award nomination for a debut film performance. First time multiple African-American actresses received Best Actress nominations.
	<u>Cicely Tyson</u>	<u>Sounder</u>	Rebecca Morgan	Nominated	First film to feature African-American nominees for both Best Actor and Best Actress. First time multiple African-American actresses received Best Actress nominations.
1974	<u>Diahann Carroll</u>	<u>Claudine</u>	Claudine	Nominated	
1985	<u>Whoopi Goldberg</u>	<u>The Color Purple</u>	Celie Johnson	Nominated	First time multiple African-American actresses received nominations for the same film.
1993	<u>Angela Bassett</u>	<u>What's Love Got to Do with It</u>	<u>Tina Turner</u>	Nominated	Second film to feature African-American nominees for both Best Actor and Best Actress.
2001	<u>Halle Berry</u>	<u>Monster's Ball</u>	Leticia Musgrove	Won	First African-American actress to win Best Actress. First time two African-American performers won in leading role Oscars in the same year (Denzel Washington, <u>Training Day</u>).
2009	<u>Gabourey Sidibe</u>	<u>Precious</u>	Claireece "Precious" Jones	Nominated	Second film to feature African-American nominees for both Best Actress and Best Supporting Actress. Second African-American actress to receive a lead Academy Award nomination for a debut film performance.
2011	<u>Viola Davis</u>	<u>The Help</u>	Aibileen Clark	Nominated	Third film to feature African-American nominees for both Best Actress and Supporting Actress categories.
2012	<u>Quvenzhané Wallis</u>	<u>Beasts of the Southern Wild</u>	Hushpuppy	Nominated	Youngest ever Best Actress nominee (aged 9). Third African-American actress to receive a lead Academy Award nomination for a debut film performance. First person born in the 21st century to receive an Academy Award nomination.
2016	<u>Ruth Negga</u>	<u>Loving</u>	<u>Mildred Loving</u>	Nominated	First black Irish actress to be nominated. First black African (Ethiopia) actress to be nominated in lead.

Best Actor in a Supporting Role

Best Actor in a Supporting Role					
Year	Name	Film	Role	Status	Milestone
1969	<u>Rupert Crosse</u>	<u>The Reivers</u>	Ned	Nominated	First African-American actor to be nominated for Best Supporting Actor
1981	<u>Howard Rollins</u>	<u>Ragtime</u>	Coalhouse Walker Jr.	Nominated	
1982	<u>Louis Gossett Jr.</u>	<u>An Officer and a Gentleman</u>	Gunnery Sergeant Emil Foley	Won	First African-American actor to win Best Supporting Actor
1984	<u>Adolph Caesar</u>	<u>A Soldier's Story</u>	Sgt. Waters	Nominated	
1987	<u>Morgan Freeman</u>	<u>Street Smart</u>	Fast Black	Nominated	First time multiple African-American actors received Best Supporting Actor nominations.
	<u>Denzel Washington</u>	<u>Cry Freedom</u>	<u>Steve Biko</u>	Nominated	
1989			<u>Glory</u>	Pvt. Trip	Won
1992	<u>Jaye Davidson</u>	<u>The Crying Game</u>	Dil	Nominated	First black actor to receive an Academy Award nomination for a debut film performance. Youngest black actor to receive an Academy Award nomination (age 24) First black British actor to receive an Academy Award nomination.
1994	<u>Samuel L. Jackson</u>	<u>Pulp Fiction</u>	Jules Winnfield	Nominated	
1996	<u>Cuba Gooding Jr.</u>	<u>Jerry Maguire</u>	Rod Tidwell	Won	Youngest African-American male actor to win an Academy Award (age 29).
1999	<u>Michael Clarke Duncan</u>	<u>The Green Mile</u>	John Coffey	Nominated	
2003	<u>Djimon Hounsou</u>	<u>In America</u>	Mateo	Nominated	First black actor born in Africa (specifically in Benin) to receive an Academy Award nomination.
2004	<u>Morgan Freeman</u>	<u>Million Dollar Baby</u>	Eddie 'Scrap-Iron' Dupris	Won	Oldest African-American actor to win an Academy Award (age 67).
	<u>Jamie Foxx</u>	<u>Collateral</u>	Max	Nominated	First African-American actor to receive two acting nominations in the same year
2006	<u>Djimon Hounsou</u>	<u>Blood Diamond</u>	Solomon Vandy	Nominated	First film to feature African-American nominees for both Best Supporting Actor and Best Supporting Actress.
	<u>Eddie Murphy</u>	<u>Dreamgirls</u>	James 'Thunder' Early	Nominated	
2013	<u>Barkhad Abdi</u>	<u>Captain Phillips</u>	<u>Abduwali Muse</u>	Nominated	Second black actor born in Africa (specifically in Somalia) to receive an Academy Award nomination. Second black actor to receive an Academy Award nomination for a debut performance.
2016	<u>Mahershala Ali</u>	<u>Moonlight</u>	Juan	Won	Second film to feature black nominees for both Best Supporting Actor and Best Supporting Actress. First Muslim actor to win an Oscar First time two African-American performers won in supporting role Oscars in the same year (Viola Davis, <u>Fences</u>).

2018		<u>Green Book</u>	<u>Don Shirley</u>	Won	<p>Second time two African-American performers won supporting role Oscars in the same year (Regina King, <i>If Beale Street Could Talk</i>). First African-American actor to win two Oscars in the same category.</p> <p>Second African-American actor to win multiple competitive Academy Awards.</p>
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Best Actress in a Supporting Role

Best Actress in a Supporting Role					
Year	Name	Film	Role	Status	Milestone
1939	<u>Hattie McDaniel</u>	<u>Gone with the Wind</u>	Mammy	Won	First African American to win and be nominated for an Academy Award.
1949	<u>Ethel Waters</u>	<u>Pinky</u>	Mrs. Dicey Johnson (Pinky's Granny)	Nominated	Second African American to be nominated for an Academy Award.
1959	<u>Juanita Moore</u>	<u>Imitation of Life</u>	Annie Johnson	Nominated	
1967	<u>Beah Richards</u>	<u>Guess Who's Coming to Dinner</u>	Mrs. Prentice	Nominated	If Carol Channing's claim of African-American heritage is accurate (it was not known at the time and has not been independently confirmed), this would be the first time multiple African-American actresses received Best Supporting Actress nominations
1983	<u>Alfre Woodard</u>	<u>Cross Creek</u>	Geechee	Nominated	
1985	<u>Margaret Avery</u>	<u>The Color Purple</u>	Shug Avery	Nominated	First (or second, see Beah Richards above) time multiple African-American actresses received Best Supporting Actress nominations. First time multiple African-American actresses received nominations for the same film.
	<u>Oprah Winfrey</u>		Sofia	Nominated	
1990	<u>Whoopi Goldberg</u>	<u>Ghost</u>	Oda Mae Brown	Won	First African-American actress to receive two acting nominations overall. Second African-American actress to win Best Supporting Actress.
1996	<u>Marianne Jean-Baptiste</u>	<u>Secrets & Lies</u>	Hortense Cumberbatch	Nominated	First black British actress to receive an Academy Award nomination.
2002	<u>Queen Latifah</u>	<u>Chicago</u>	Matron Mama Morton	Nominated	First female hip hop artist to be nominated for an Academy Award.
2004	<u>Sophie Okonedo</u>	<u>Hotel Rwanda</u>	Tatiana Rusesabagina	Nominated	Second black British actress to receive an Academy Award nomination.
2006	<u>Jennifer Hudson</u>	<u>Dreamgirls</u>	Effie White	Won	Youngest African-American actor (male or female) to win an Academy Award (age 25). First film to feature African-American nominees for both Best Supporting Actor and Best Supporting Actress.
2007	<u>Ruby Dee</u>	<u>American Gangster</u>	Mama Lucas	Nominated	Oldest African-American actress to be nominated for an Academy Award (age 83).
2008	<u>Viola Davis</u>	<u>Doubt</u>	Mrs. Miller	Nominated	Second (or third, see Beah Richards above) time multiple African-American actresses received Best Supporting Actress nominations.
	<u>Taraji P. Henson</u>	<u>The Curious Case of Benjamin Button</u>	Queenie	Nominated	
2009	<u>Mo'Nique</u>	<u>Precious</u>	Mary Lee Johnston	Won	Second film to feature African-American nominees for both Best

					Actress and Best Supporting Actress.
2011	<u>Octavia Spencer</u>	<u>The Help</u>	Minnie Jackson	Won	Third film to feature African-American nominees for both Best Actress and Supporting Actress.
2013	<u>Lupita Nyong'o</u>	<u>12 Years a Slave</u>	Patsey	Won	First black African (Kenyan) actress to be nominated. First black African to win in any category.
2016	Viola Davis	<u>Fences</u>	Rose Maxson	Won	Tied with Octavia Spencer as the most nominated black actress ever with three nominations. First time two African-American performers won in supporting role Oscars in the same year (Mahershala Ali, <u>Moonlight</u>).
	<u>Naomie Harris</u>	<u>Moonlight</u>	Paula	Nominated	Third black British actress to receive an Academy Award nomination Second film to feature black nominees for both Best Supporting Actor and Best Supporting Actress.
	Octavia Spencer	<u>Hidden Figures</u>	<u>Dorothy Vaughan</u>	Nominated	Third black actress following <u>Whoopi Goldberg</u> and <u>Viola Davis</u> to earn multiple Oscar nominations. First black actress to be nominated after previously winning.
<u>The Shape of Water</u>		Zelda Fuller	Nominated	First black actress to be nominated twice after previously winning. First black actress to be nominated two years in a row. Tied with <u>Viola Davis</u> as the most nominated black actress ever with three nominations.	
2017	<u>Mary J. Blige</u>	<u>Mudbound</u>	Florence Jackson	Nominated	First black woman to receive multiple Oscar nominations in the same year. First person nominated for an Academy Award for acting and writing an original song in the same year. Her nomination made <u>Dee Rees</u> the first African-American woman to direct a film for which an actor or actress was nominated for an Academy Award. ^{[1][2]}
2018	<u>Regina King</u>	<u>If Beale Street Could Talk</u>	Sharon Rivers	Won	Second time two African-American performers won in supporting role Oscars in the same year (Mahershala Ali, <u>Green Book</u>).

Best Animated Feature

<u>Academy Award for Best Animated Feature</u>				
<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Film</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Milestone</u>
<u>2018</u>	<u>Peter Ramsey</u>	<u>Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse</u>	Won	Shared with Phil Lord, Christopher Miller, Bob Persichetti & Rodney Rothman First African American to be nominated for Animated Feature. First African American to win for Animated Feature.

Best Cinematography

<u>Academy Award for Best Cinematography</u>				
<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Film</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Milestone</u>
<u>1998</u>	<u>Remi Adefarasin</u>	<u>Elizabeth</u>	Nominated	First black person to be nominated for Best Cinematography
<u>2016</u>	<u>Bradford Young</u>	<u>Arrival</u>	Nominated	First African American to be nominated in the category.

Best Costume Design

<u>Academy Award for Best Costume Design</u>				
<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Film</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Milestone</u>
<u>1992</u>	<u>Ruth E. Carter</u>	<u>Malcolm X</u>	Nominated	First African American to be nominated for Best Costume Design.
<u>1997</u>		<u>Amistad</u>	Nominated	
<u>2004</u>	<u>Sharen Davis</u>	<u>Ray</u>	Nominated	
<u>2006</u>		<u>Dreamgirls</u>	Nominated	
<u>2018</u>	<u>Ruth E. Carter</u>	<u>Black Panther</u>	Won	First African American to win for Best Costume Design.

Best Director

Academy Award for Best Director				
Year	Name	Film	Status	Milestone
<u>1991</u>	<u>John Singleton</u>	<u>Boyz n the Hood</u>	Nominated	First African American to be nominated for Best Director. Youngest person ever nominated in this category (age 24).
<u>2009</u>	<u>Lee Daniels</u>	<u>Precious</u>	Nominated	Second African American to earn a Best Director nomination. First African-American director to earn a Best Picture nomination.
<u>2013</u>	<u>Steve McQueen</u>	<u>12 Years a Slave</u>	Nominated	First black British to earn a Best Director nomination. First black director to direct a Best Picture winning film. First black director to earn an Oscar for Best Picture.
<u>2016</u>	<u>Barry Jenkins</u>	<u>Moonlight</u>	Nominated	Second black director to direct a Best Picture winning film.
<u>2017</u>	<u>Jordan Peele</u>	<u>Get Out</u>	Nominated	First African American to earn a Best Director nomination and a Best Picture nomination for a debut film.
<u>2018</u>	<u>Spike Lee</u>	<u>BlacKkKlansman</u>	Nominated	

Best Documentary Feature

Academy Award for Documentary Feature				
Year	Name	Film	Status	Milestone
<u>1987</u>	<u>Callie Crossley</u> (director/producer)	<u>Bridge to Freedom</u>	Nominated	First African-American director and producer to be nominated for Best Documentary Feature Nominated with James A. DeVhney
<u>1990</u>	Yvonne Smith (producer)	<u>Adam Clayton Powell</u>	Nominated	Nominated with Richard Kilberg
<u>1997</u>	<u>Spike Lee</u> (director/producer) <u>Samuel D. Pollard</u> (producer)	<u>4 Little Girls</u>	Nominated	Second African-American director to be nominated for Best Documentary Feature.
<u>2004</u>	<u>Karolyn Ali</u> (producer)	<u>Tupac: Resurrection</u>	Nominated	
<u>2012</u>	<u>T. J. Martin</u> (director)	<u>Undefeated</u>	Won	First African American to win in this category. First African-American director to win in this category.
<u>2016</u>	<u>Ava DuVernay</u> (director/producer)	<u>13th</u>	Nominated	
	<u>Roger Ross Williams</u> (director/producer)	<u>Life, Animated</u>	Nominated	Nominated with <u>Julie Golden</u>
	<u>Raoul Peck</u> (director) <u>Hébert Peck</u> (producer)	<u>I Am Not Your Negro</u>	Nominated	First Haitian to be nominated in this category.
	<u>Ezra Edelman</u> (director/producer)	<u>O.J.: Made in America</u>	Won	
<u>2017</u>	<u>Yance Ford</u> (director)	<u>Strong Island</u>	Nominated	First openly transgender man to be nominated for any Academy Award. First openly transgender director to be nominated for any Academy Award. (Nominated with Joslyn Barnes)
<u>2018</u>	RaMell Ross (director)	<u>Hale County This Morning, This Evening</u>	Nominated	Nominated with Joslyn Barnes and Su Kim


Best Documentary Short Subject

Academy Award for Documentary Short Subject				
Year	Name	Film	Status	Milestone
<u>2000</u>	Leelai Demoz	<u>On Tiptoe: Gentle Steps to Freedom</u>	Nominated	Shared nomination with Eric Simonson. First African American to be nominated for Best Documentary Short Subject.
<u>2009</u>	<u>Roger Ross Williams</u>	<u>Music by Prudence</u>	Won	Shared nomination with Elinor Burkett. First African American to win Best Documentary Short Subject.

Best Film Editing

Academy Award for Film Editing				
Year	Name	Film	Status	Milestone
<u>1969</u>	<u>Hugh A. Robertson</u>	<u>Midnight Cowboy</u>	Nominated	First African American to be nominated for Best Editing.
<u>2016</u>	<u>Joi McMillon</u>	<u>Moonlight</u>	Nominated	First African-American woman to be nominated for Best Editing.

Best Music, Original Score

Academy Award for Original Music Score					
Year	Name	Country	Film	Status	Milestone
1961	<u>Duke Ellington</u>		<u>Paris Blues</u>	Nominated	First African American to be nominated for Best Original Score. Nominated for Best Music, Scoring of a Musical Picture.
1964	<u>Calvin Jackson</u>		<u>The Unsinkable Molly Brown</u>	Nominated	Nomination shared with <u>Robert Armbruster</u> , <u>Leo Arnaud</u> , <u>Jack Elliott</u> , <u>Jack Hayes</u> & <u>Leo Shuken</u> .
1967	<u>Quincy Jones</u>		<u>In Cold Blood</u>	Nominated	
1971	<u>Isaac Hayes</u>		<u>Shaft</u>	Nominated	Nominated for Best Music, Original Dramatic Score.
1972	<u>Gil Askey</u>		<u>Lady Sings the Blues</u>	Nominated	First African American to be nominated in the Scoring Original Song Score and/or Adaptation (which is different from Best Original Score category).
1978	<u>Quincy Jones</u>		<u>The Wiz</u>	Nominated	First African American to be nominated in the Original Song Score and Its Adaptation or Adaptation Score (which is different from Best Original Score category).
1984	<u>Prince</u>		<u>Purple Rain</u>	Won	First African-American winner of Best Original Song Score (which is different from Best Original Score category); this category was retired afterwards.
1985	<u>Quincy Jones</u> <u>Andrae Crouch</u> <u>Caiphus Semenya</u>	 	<u>The Color Purple</u>	Nominated	Shared nomination with 9 other composers. Semenya became the first black South African to be nominated for an Academy Award.
1986	<u>Herbie Hancock</u>		<u>Round Midnight</u>	Won	First African-American winner of Best Original Score.
1987	<u>Jonas Gwangwa</u>		<u>Cry Freedom</u>	Nominated	Shared nomination with <u>George Fenton</u>
<u>2018</u>	<u>Terence Blanchard</u>		<u>BlackKkKlansman</u>	Nominated	

Best Music, Original Song

Academy Award for Best Original Song						
Year	Name	Country	Film	Song	Status	Milestone
1967	<u>Quincy Jones</u> <u>Bob Russell</u>		<u>Banning</u>	"The Eyes of Love"	Nominated	First African Americans to be nominated for Best Original Song.
1968			<u>For Love of Ivy</u>	"For Love of Ivy"	Nominated	First African Americans to be nominated twice for Best Original Song.
1971	<u>Isaac Hayes</u>		<u>Shaft</u>	"Theme from <u>Shaft</u> "	Won	First African-American winner for Best Original Song. First African-American winner of an award in any category other than acting.
1981	<u>Lionel Richie</u>		<u>Endless Love</u>	"Endless Love"	Nominated	
1983	<u>Irene Cara</u>		<u>Flashdance</u>	"Flashdance... <u>What a Feeling</u> "	Won	First African-American woman to win a non-acting Academy Award. Shared with <u>Keith Forsey</u> & <u>Giorgio Moroder</u> .
1984	<u>Stevie Wonder</u>		<u>The Woman in Red</u>	"I Just Called to Say I Love You"	Won	
1984	<u>Ray Parker Jr.</u>		<u>Ghostbusters</u>	"Ghostbusters"	Nominated	
1985	Lionel Richie		<u>White Nights</u>	"Say You, Say Me"	Won	
	<u>Quincy Jones</u> <u>Lionel Richie</u>		<u>The Color Purple</u>	"Miss Celie's Blues"	Nominated	Shared nomination with <u>Rod Temperton</u> Richie is the first (and to date, only) black person to receive multiple Best Original Song nominations in the same year
1987	<u>Jonas Gwangwa</u>			<u>Cry Freedom</u>	"Cry Freedom"	Nominated
1988	<u>Lamont Dozier</u>		<u>Buster</u>	"Two Hearts"	Nominated	Shared nomination with <u>Phil Collins</u> .
1993	<u>Janet Jackson</u> <u>Jimmy Jam</u> <u>Terry Lewis</u>		<u>Poetic Justice</u>	"Again"	Nominated	
1994	<u>James Ingram</u>		<u>Beethoven's 2nd</u>	"The Day I Fall In Love"	Nominated	Shared nomination with <u>Cliff Magness</u> & <u>Carole Bayer Sager</u> .
1995		<u>Junior</u>	"Look What Love Has Done"	Nominated	Shared nomination with <u>James Newton Howard</u> <u>Carole Bayer Sager</u> & <u>Patty Smyth</u> .	
2005	<u>Frayser Boy</u> <u>Juicy J</u> <u>DJ Paul</u>		<u>Hustle & Flow</u>	"It's Hard Out Here for a Pimp"	Won	First African-American rappers to win an Academy Award.
2006	<u>Siedah</u>		<u>Dreamgirls</u>	"Love You I Do"	Nominated	Shared nomination with

	<u>Garrett</u>					<u>Henry Krieger</u>
2007	<u>Jamal Joseph</u> <u>Charles Mack</u> <u>Tevin Thomas</u>		<u>August Rush</u>	" <u>Raise It Up</u> "	Nominated	
2011	<u>Carlinhos Brown</u> <u>Siedah Garrett</u>		<u>Rio</u>	"Real in Rio"	Nominated	Shared nomination with <u>Sergio Mendes</u> . Garrett is the most nominated African-American female songwriter (two nominations). Brown is the first black Latin American nominated for Best Original Song.
2013	<u>Pharrell Williams</u>		<u>Despicable Me 2</u>	" <u>Happy</u> "	Nominated	
2014	<u>Common</u> <u>John Legend</u>		<u>Selma</u>	" <u>Glory</u> "	Won	
2015	<u>DaHeala</u> <u>The Weeknd</u>		<u>Fifty Shades of Grey</u>	" <u>Earned It</u> "	Nominated	Shared nomination with <u>Belly</u> & <u>Stephan Moccio</u> . The Weeknd & DaHeala are the first black Canadians nominated for Best Original Song.
2017	<u>Mary J. Blige</u> <u>Raphael Saadiq</u> <u>Taura Stinson</u>		<u>Mudbound</u>	" <u>Mighty River</u> "	Nominated	Blige is also the first black woman to receive multiple Academy Award nominations in the same year. First person nominated for an Academy Award for acting and writing an original song in the same year
	<u>Common</u>		<u>Marshall</u>	" <u>Stand Up for Something</u> "	Nominated	Shared nomination with <u>Diane Warren</u>
2018	<u>Kendrick Lamar</u> <u>Sounwave</u> <u>SZA</u> <u>Anthony Tiffith</u>			<u>Black Panther</u>	" <u>All the Stars</u> "	Nominated

Best Picture

Academy Award for Best Picture				
Year	Name	Film	Status	Milestone
<u>1985</u>	<u>Quincy Jones</u>	<i><u>The Color Purple</u></i>	Nominated	First African-American producer whose film was nominated for Best Picture.
<u>2009</u>	<u>Lee Daniels</u>	<i><u>Precious</u></i>	Nominated	First African-American director whose film was nominated for Best Picture. First time two films with African-American producers were nominated for Best Picture.
	<u>Broderick Johnson</u>	<i><u>The Blind Side</u></i>	Nominated	First time two films with African-American producers were nominated for Best Picture.
<u>2012</u>	<u>Reginald Hudlin</u>	<i><u>Django Unchained</u></i>	Nominated	
<u>2013</u>	<u>Steve McQueen</u>	<i><u>12 Years a Slave</u></i>	Won	First black producer to win Best Picture.
<u>2014</u>	<u>Oprah Winfrey</u>	<i><u>Selma</u></i>	Nominated	First black female producer nominated for Best Picture.
<u>2016</u>	<u>Denzel Washington</u>	<i><u>Fences</u></i>	Nominated	First time that three films with black producers were nominated for Best Picture.
	<u>Pharrell Williams</u>	<i><u>Hidden Figures</u></i>	Nominated	
	<u>Kimberly Steward</u>	<i><u>Manchester by the Sea</u></i>	Nominated	
<u>2017</u>	<u>Jordan Peele</u>	<i><u>Get Out</u></i>	Nominated	First time an African American was honored with a Best Picture, Best Director and Best Screenplay (Original or Adapted) nominations in one year ^[3]
<u>2018</u>	<u>Spike Lee</u>	<i><u>BlacKkKlansman</u></i>	Nominated	The first Best Picture nominee to have more than one African American producer. Peele is the first African-American producer to be nominated for Best Picture twice. Shared nomination with <u>Jason Blum</u> , <u>Raymond Mansfield</u> , <u>Sean McKittrick</u> & <u>Shaun Redick</u> .
	<u>Jordan Peele</u>		Nominated	

Best Production Design

Academy Award for Best Production Design				
Year	Name	Film	Status	Milestone
<u>2018</u>	<u>Hannah Beachler</u>	<i><u>Black Panther</u></i>	Won	First African American to be nominated for Best Production Design. First African American to win for Best Production Design.

Best Short Film (Animated)

Academy Award for Best Animated Short Film				
Year	Name	Film	Status	Milestone
<u>2017</u>	<u>Kobe Bryant</u>	<i><u>Dear Basketball</u></i>	Won	Shared nomination with <u>Glen Keane</u> . First African American to win Short Film (Animated). First former professional athlete to be nominated for and to win an Academy Award in any category.

Best Short Film (Live Action)

Academy Award for Live Action Short Film				
Year	Name	Film	Status	Milestone
<u>1991</u>	<u>David Massey</u>	<i>Last Breeze of Summer</i>	Nominated	First African American nominated for Short Film (Live Action).
<u>1995</u>	<u>Dianne Houston</u>	<i>Tuesday Morning Ride</i>	Nominated	First African-American woman nominated for Short Film (Live Action).
<u>2017</u>	<u>Kevin Wilson Jr.</u>	<i>My Nephew Emmett</i>	Nominated	

Best Sound Mixing

Academy Award for Sound				
Year	Name	Film	Status	Milestone
<u>1978</u>	<u>Willie D. Burton</u>	<i>The Buddy Holly Story</i>	Nominated	First African American to be nominated for Best Sound.
<u>1980</u>		<i>Altered States</i>	Nominated	First African American to be nominated multiple times for Best Sound.
<u>1983</u>		<i>WarGames</i>	Nominated	
<u>1988</u>		<i>Bird</i>	Won	First African American to win Best Sound.
<u>1989</u>	<u>Russell Williams</u>	<i>Glory</i>	Won	Second African American to win Best Sound.
<u>1990</u>		<i>Dances with Wolves</i>	Won	First African American to win multiple Academy Awards in any category First and only African American to win consecutive awards in any category
<u>1994</u>	<u>Willie D. Burton</u>	<i>The Shawshank Redemption</i>	Nominated	
<u>1999</u>		<i>The Green Mile</i>	Nominated	
<u>2006</u>		<i>Dreamgirls</i>	Won	First African American to be nominated, and to win, after category was renamed "Sound Mixing".

Best Writing (Adapted Screenplay)

Academy Award for Writing Adapted Screenplay					
Year	Name	Film	Adapted From	Status	Milestone
<u>1972</u>	<u>Lonne Elder</u>	<u>Sounder</u>	<u>Sounder</u> by <u>William H. Armstrong</u>	Nominated	First African-American nominee for Best Writing (Adapted Screenplay).
<u>1984</u>	<u>Charles Fuller</u>	<u>A Soldier's Story</u>	<u>A Soldier's Play</u> by <u>Fuller</u>	Nominated	
<u>2009</u>	<u>Geoffrey Fletcher</u>	<u>Precious</u>	<u>Push</u> by <u>Sapphire</u>	Won	First African American to win a screenplay Academy Award (Adapted Screenplay).
<u>2013</u>	<u>John Ridley</u>	<u>12 Years a Slave</u>	<u>Twelve Years a Slave</u> by <u>Solomon Northup</u>	Won	Second African American to win a screenplay Academy Award (Adapted Screenplay). First African-American writer to have written a film that won Best Picture.
<u>2016</u>	<u>Barry Jenkins</u>	<u>Moonlight</u>	<u>In Moonlight Black Boys Look Blue</u> by <u>McCraney</u>	Won	
	<u>Tarell Alvin McCraney</u>			Won	
	<u>August Wilson</u>	<u>Fences</u>	<u>Fences</u> by <u>August Wilson</u>	Nominated	First African-American writer to receive a posthumous nomination in this category
<u>2017</u>	<u>Virgil Williams</u>	<u>Mudbound</u>	<u>Mudbound</u> by <u>Hillary Jordan</u>	Nominated	
	<u>Dee Rees</u>			Nominated	Rees is the first black woman to be nominated for the Academy Award for Best Adapted Screenplay. ^[4]
<u>2018</u>	<u>Kevin Willmott</u>	<u>BlackKkKlansman</u>	<u>Black Klansman</u> by <u>Ron Stallworth</u>	Won	Shared with <u>Charlie Wachtel</u> & <u>David Rabinowitz</u>
	<u>Spike Lee</u>			Won	
	<u>Barry Jenkins</u>	<u>If Beale Street Could Talk</u>	<u>If Beale Street Could Talk</u> by <u>James Baldwin</u>	Nominated	African-American director and writer with most nominations in this category.

Best Writing (Original Screenplay)

Academy Award for Writing Original Screenplay				
Year	Name	Film	Status	Milestone
<u>1972</u>	<u>Suzanne de Passe</u>	<i><u>Lady Sings the Blues</u></i>	Nominated	Shared nomination with co-writers Chris Clark and Terence McCloy First African-American nominee for Best Writing (Original Screenplay). First African-American woman nominated for screenwriting.
<u>1989</u>	<u>Spike Lee</u>	<i><u>Do the Right Thing</u></i>	Nominated	First African-American to be nominated for Best Writing (Original Screenplay).
<u>1991</u>	<u>John Singleton</u>	<i><u>Boyz n the Hood</u></i>	Nominated	
<u>2017</u>	<u>Jordan Peele</u>	<i><u>Get Out</u></i>	Won	First African American to win for Best Writing (Original Screenplay) and the nomination overall, for a debut film.

Special awards

Special Awards		
Year	Name	Award
<u>1948</u>	<u>James Baskett</u>	Academy Special Award, for his characterization of <u>Uncle Remus</u> in <i><u>Song of the South</u></i>
<u>1995</u>	<u>Quincy Jones</u>	<u>Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award</u>
<u>2001</u>	<u>Sidney Poitier</u>	<u>Academy Honorary Award</u> , "for his extraordinary performances and unique presence on the screen and for representing the industry with dignity style and intelligence".
<u>2011</u>	<u>James Earl Jones</u>	<u>Academy Honorary Award</u> , "for his legacy of consistent excellence and uncommon versatility"
	<u>Oprah Winfrey</u>	<u>Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award</u>
<u>2014</u>	<u>Harry Belafonte</u>	
<u>2015</u>	<u>Spike Lee</u>	<u>Academy Honorary Award</u> , "filmmaker, educator, motivator, iconoclast, artist....[and] a champion of independent film and an inspiration to young filmmakers"
<u>2017</u>	<u>Charles Burnett</u>	<u>Academy Honorary Award</u>
<u>2018</u>	<u>Cicely Tyson</u>	

See also

- Cheryl Boone Isaacs first African-American president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (but not herself an Oscar winner or nominee)
- List of African Academy Award winners and nominees
- List of African-American Tony nominees and winners
- List of Asian Academy Award winners and nominees
- List of black Golden Globe Award winners and nominees
- List of black Primetime Emmy Award winners and nominees
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