**Academy award**

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he Academy Awards, informally known as The Oscars®, are a set of awards given annually for excellence of cinematic achievements. The Oscar statuette is officially named the Academy Award of Merit and is one of nine type of Academy Awards. The Academy Awards ceremony is also the oldest awards ceremony in the media; its equivalents, the Grammy Award, (for music) Emmy Awards, (for television) and Tony Awards, (for theatre) are modeled after the Academy.

Current special categories

Academy Honorary Awards: since 1929

Academy Scientific and Technical Awards: since 1931

Gordon E. Sawyer Awards: since 1981

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| **CEREMONY** | **DATE** | **BEST PICTURE WINNER** | **VENUE** |
| 1st Academy Award | 16th May 1929 | Wings | Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel |
| 2nd Academy Award | 3rd April 1930 | The Broadway Melody | Ambassador Hotel |
| 84th Academy Award | 24th February 2012 | The Artist | Dolby Theater |