



Academy Award for Best Actress

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The **Academy Award for Best Actress** is an award presented annually by the [Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences](#) (AMPAS). It has been awarded since the [1st Academy Awards](#) to an actress who has delivered an outstanding performance in a [leading](#) role in a film released that year. The award is traditionally presented by the previous year's [Best Actor](#) winner. However, in recent years, it has shifted towards being presented by previous years' Best Actress winners instead.

The Best Actress award has been presented 97 times, to 80 different actresses. The first winner was [Janet Gaynor](#) for her roles in *[7th Heaven](#)* (1927), *[Street Angel](#)* (1928), and *[Sunrise: A Song of Two Humans](#)* (1927), and the most recent winner is [Mikey Madison](#) for her role in *[Anora](#)* (2024). The record for [most wins](#) is four, held by [Katharine Hepburn](#); [Frances McDormand](#) has won three times, and thirteen other actresses have won the award twice. [Meryl Streep](#) has received the [most nominations](#) in the category—seventeen—and has won twice. At the [41st Academy Awards](#) in 1969, [Barbra Streisand](#) and Katharine Hepburn received the same number of votes and so shared the award, the only time this has occurred.

Nominations process [[edit](#)]

Nominees are currently determined by [single transferable vote](#) within the actors branch of AMPAS; winners are selected by a [plurality vote](#) from the entire [eligible voting members](#) of the Academy.^[1]

In the first three years of the awards, actors and actresses were nominated as the best individuals in their categories. At that time, all of their work during the qualifying period (as many as three films, in some cases) was listed after the award.^[2] Despite this, at the [3rd](#)

Academy Award for Best Actress



The 2025 recipient: [Mikey Madison](#)

Awarded for	Best Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role
Country	United States
Presented by	Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS)
First award	May 16, 1929; 95 years ago (for films released during the 1927/1928 film season)
Most recent winner	Mikey Madison , <i>Anora</i> (2024)
Most awards	Katharine Hepburn (4)
Most nominations	Meryl Streep (17)
Website	oscars.org

Academy Awards, held in 1930, only one film was cited in each winner's award regardless of how many they were eligible to be considered for during that span.^[3] The current system, in which an actress is nominated for a specific performance in a single film, was introduced for the **4th Academy Awards**.^[2] Starting with the **9th Academy Awards**, held in 1937, the category was limited to a maximum five nominations per year.^[2]

Winners and nominees [[edit](#)]

In the following table, the years are listed as per Academy convention, and generally correspond to the year of film release in **Los Angeles County**; the ceremonies are always held the following year.^[4] For the first five ceremonies, the eligibility period spanned twelve months, from August 1 to July 31.^[5] For the 6th ceremony held in 1934, the eligibility period lasted from August 1, 1932, to December 31, 1933.^[5] Since the 7th ceremony held in 1935, the period of eligibility became the full previous calendar year from January 1 to December 31.^[5]

Table key

‡	Indicates the winner
†	Indicates a posthumous nominee

1920s [[edit](#)]

Year	Actress	Role(s)	Film	Ref.
1927/28 <div>(1st)</div>	Janet Gaynor ‡	Diane	<i>7th Heaven</i>	[6]
		Angela	<i>Street Angel</i>	
		The Wife	<i>Sunrise: A Song of Two Humans</i>	
	Louise Dresser	Mrs. Pleznik	<i>A Ship Comes In</i>	
	Gloria Swanson	Sadie Thompson	<i>Sadie Thompson</i>	
1928/29 <div>(2nd)</div> <div>[note 1]</div>	Mary Pickford ‡	Norma Besant	<i>Coquette</i>	[7]
	Ruth Chatterton	Jacqueline Floriot	<i>Madame X</i>	
	Betty Compson	Carrie	<i>The Barker</i>	
	Jeanne Eagels †	Leslie Crosbie	<i>The Letter</i>	
	Corinne Griffith	Emma Hamilton	<i>The Divine Lady</i>	
	Bessie Love	Hank Mahoney	<i>The Broadway Melody</i>	

1930s [[edit](#)]



Janet Gaynor was the inaugural winner, for three films: *7th Heaven* (1927), *Street Angel* (1928), and *Sunrise: A Song of Two Humans* (1927).



Mary Pickford won for *Coquette* (1929).



Norma Shearer won for *The Divorcee* (1930).



Year	Actress	Role(s)	Film	Ref.
1929/30 (3rd)	Norma Shearer ‡ ^[A]	Jerry Bernard Martin	<i>The Divorcee</i>	[8]
	Nancy Carroll	Hallie Hobart	<i>The Devil's Holiday</i>	
	Ruth Chatterton	Sarah Storm	<i>Sarah and Son</i>	
	Greta Garbo ^[A]	Anna Christie	<i>Anna Christie</i>	
		Madame Rita Cavallini	<i>Romance</i>	
	Norma Shearer	Lucia Marlett	<i>Their Own Desire</i>	
	Gloria Swanson	Marion Donnell	<i>The Trespasser</i>	
1930/31 (4th)	Marie Dressler ‡	Min Divot	<i>Min and Bill</i>	[9]
	Marlene Dietrich	Mademoiselle Amy Jolly	<i>Morocco</i>	
	Irene Dunne	Sabra Cravat	<i>Cimarron</i>	
	Ann Harding	Linda Seton	<i>Holiday</i>	
	Norma Shearer	Jan Ashe	<i>A Free Soul</i>	
1931/32 (5th)	Helen Hayes ‡	Madelon Claudet	<i>The Sin of Madelon Claudet</i>	[10]
	Marie Dressler	Emma Thatcher Smith	<i>Emma</i>	
	Lynn Fontanne	The Actress	<i>The Guardsman</i>	
1932/33 (6th)	Katharine Hepburn ‡	Eva Lovelace	<i>Morning Glory</i>	[11]
	May Robson	Apple Annie	<i>Lady for a Day</i>	
	Diana Wynyard	Jane Marryot	<i>Cavalcade</i>	
1934 (7th)	Claudette Colbert ‡	Ellie Andrews	<i>It Happened One Night</i>	[12]
	Bette Davis (Write-in) ^[B]	Mildred Rogers	<i>Of Human Bondage</i>	
	Grace Moore	Mary Barrett	<i>One Night of Love</i>	
	Norma Shearer	Elizabeth Barrett	<i>The Barretts of Wimpole Street</i>	

Marie Dressler won for *Min and Bill* (1930).



Helen Hayes won for *The Sin of Madelon Claudet* (1931); first actress to complete the EGOT.

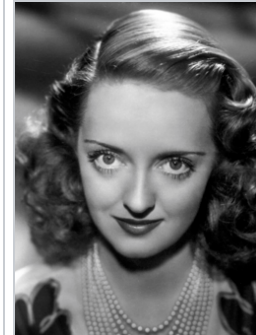


Katharine Hepburn won four times, for: *Morning Glory* (1933), *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* (1967), *The Lion in Winter* (1968), and *On Golden Pond* (1981).



Claudette Colbert won for *It Happened One Night* (1934).

1935 (8th)	Bette Davis ‡	Joyce Heath	<i>Dangerous</i>	[13]
	Elisabeth Bergner	Gemma Jones	<i>Escape Me Never</i>	
	Claudette Colbert	Jane Everest	<i>Private Worlds</i>	
	Katharine Hepburn	Alice Adams	<i>Alice Adams</i>	
	Miriam Hopkins	Becky Sharp	<i>Becky Sharp</i>	
	Merle Oberon	Kitty Vane	<i>The Dark Angel</i>	
1936 (9th)	Luise Rainer ‡	Anna Held	<i>The Great Ziegfeld</i>	[14]
	Irene Dunne	Theodora Lynn / Caroline Adams	<i>Theodora Goes Wild</i>	
	Gladys George	Carrie Snyder	<i>Valiant Is the Word for Carrie</i>	
	Carole Lombard	Irene Bullock	<i>My Man Godfrey</i>	
	Norma Shearer	Juliet Capulet	<i>Romeo and Juliet</i>	
1937 (10th)	Luise Rainer ‡	O-Lan	<i>The Good Earth</i>	[15]
	Irene Dunne	Lucy Warriner	<i>The Awful Truth</i>	
	Greta Garbo	Marguerite Gautier	<i>Camille</i>	
	Janet Gaynor	Esther Victoria Blodgett / Vicki Lester	<i>A Star Is Born</i>	
	Barbara Stanwyck	Stella Martin Dallas	<i>Stella Dallas</i>	
1938 (11th)	Bette Davis ‡	Julie Marsden	<i>Jezebel</i>	[16]
	Fay Bainter	Hannah Parmalee	<i>White Banners</i>	
	Wendy Hiller	Eliza Doolittle	<i>Pygmalion</i>	
	Norma Shearer	Marie Antoinette	<i>Marie Antoinette</i>	
	Margaret Sullavan	Patricia "Pat" Hollmann	<i>Three Comrades</i>	
1939 (12th)	Vivien Leigh ‡	Scarlett O'Hara	<i>Gone with the Wind</i>	[17]
	Bette Davis	Judith Traherne	<i>Dark Victory</i>	
	Irene Dunne	Terry McKay	<i>Love Affair</i>	



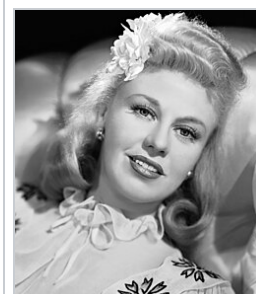
Bette Davis won twice, for *Dangerous* (1935) and *Jezebel* (1938).



Luise Rainer was the first to win twice consecutively, for *The Great Ziegfeld* (1936) and *The Good Earth* (1937).



Vivien Leigh won twice, for *Gone with the Wind* (1939) and *A Streetcar Named Desire* (1951).



	Greta Garbo	Nina Yakushova "Ninotchka" Ivanoff	<i>Ninotchka</i>	
	Greer Garson	Katherine Bridges	<i>Goodbye, Mr. Chips</i>	

[Ginger Rogers](#)
won for *[Kitty Foyle](#)*
(1940).



[Joan Fontaine](#)
won for *[Suspicion](#)*
(1941).



[Greer Garson](#) won
for *[Mrs. Miniver](#)*
(1942).



[Jennifer Jones](#)
won for *[The Song of Bernadette](#)*
(1943).



[Ingrid Bergman](#)
won twice, for
[Gaslight](#) (1944)
and *[Anastasia](#)*
(1956).

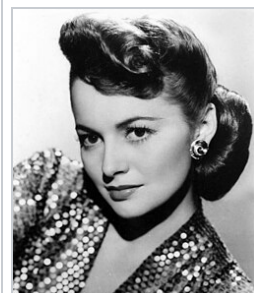
1940s [\[edit \]](#)

Year	Actress	Role(s)	Film	Ref.
1940 (13th)	Ginger Rogers ‡	Kitty Foyle	<i>Kitty Foyle</i>	[18]
	Bette Davis	Leslie Crosbie	<i>The Letter</i>	
	Joan Fontaine	The Second Mrs. de Winter	<i>Rebecca</i>	
	Katharine Hepburn	Tracy Lord	<i>The Philadelphia Story</i>	
	Martha Scott	Emily Webb	<i>Our Town</i>	
1941 (14th)	Joan Fontaine ‡	Lina McLaidlaw Aysgarth	<i>Suspicion</i>	[19]
	Bette Davis	Regina Giddens	<i>The Little Foxes</i>	
	Olivia de Havilland	Emmy Brown	<i>Hold Back the Dawn</i>	
	Greer Garson	Edna Gladney	<i>Blossoms in the Dust</i>	
	Barbara Stanwyck	Katherine "Sugarpuss" O'Shea	<i>Ball of Fire</i>	
1942 (15th)	Greer Garson ‡	Kay Miniver	<i>Mrs. Miniver</i>	[20]
	Bette Davis	Charlotte Vale	<i>Now, Voyager</i>	
	Katharine Hepburn	Tess Harding	<i>Woman of the Year</i>	
	Rosalind Russell	Ruth Sherwood	<i>My Sister Eileen</i>	
	Teresa Wright	Eleanor Twitchell Gehrig	<i>The Pride of the Yankees</i>	
1943 (16th)	Jennifer Jones ‡	Bernadette Soubirous	<i>The Song of Bernadette</i>	[21]
	Jean Arthur	Constance "Connie" Milligan	<i>The More the Merrier</i>	
	Ingrid Bergman	María	<i>For Whom the Bell Tolls</i>	
	Joan Fontaine	Tessa Sanger	<i>The Constant Nymph</i>	

	Greer Garson	Marie Curie	<i>Madame Curie</i>	
1944 (17th)	Ingrid Bergman ‡	Paula Alquist Anton	<i>Gaslight</i>	[22]
	Claudette Colbert	Anne Hilton	<i>Since You Went Away</i>	
	Bette Davis	Fanny Trellis	<i>Mr. Skeffington</i>	
	Greer Garson	Susie "Sparrow" Parkington	<i>Mrs. Parkington</i>	
	Barbara Stanwyck	Phyllis Dietrichson	<i>Double Indemnity</i>	
1945 (18th)	Joan Crawford ‡	Mildred Pierce Beragon	<i>Mildred Pierce</i>	[23]
	Ingrid Bergman	Mary Benedict	<i>The Bells of St. Mary's</i>	
	Greer Garson	Mary Rafferty	<i>The Valley of Decision</i>	
	Jennifer Jones	Singleton / Victoria Morland	<i>Love Letters</i>	
	Gene Tierney	Ellen Berent Harland	<i>Leave Her to Heaven</i>	
1946 (19th)	Olivia de Havilland ‡	Josephine "Jody" Norris	<i>To Each His Own</i>	[24]
	Celia Johnson	Laura Jesson	<i>Brief Encounter</i>	
	Jennifer Jones	Pearl Chavez	<i>Duel in the Sun</i>	
	Rosalind Russell	Elizabeth Kenny	<i>Sister Kenny</i>	
	Jane Wyman	Orry Baxter	<i>The Yearling</i>	
1947 (20th)	Loretta Young ‡	Katie Holstrom	<i>The Farmer's Daughter</i>	[25]
	Joan Crawford	Louise Howell	<i>Possessed</i>	
	Susan Hayward	Angelica Evans Conway	<i>Smash-Up, the Story of a Woman</i>	
	Dorothy McGuire	Kathy Lacy	<i>Gentleman's Agreement</i>	
	Rosalind Russell	Lavinia Mannon	<i>Mourning Becomes Electra</i>	
1948 (21st)	Jane Wyman ‡	Belinda McDonald	<i>Johnny Belinda</i>	[26]
	Ingrid Bergman	Joan of Arc	<i>Joan of Arc</i>	
	Olivia de Havilland	Virginia Stuart Cunningham	<i>The Snake Pit</i>	
	Irene Dunne	Martha Hanson	<i>I Remember Mama</i>	



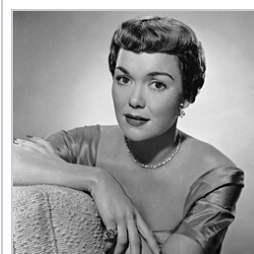
Joan Crawford won for *Mildred Pierce* (1945).



Olivia de Havilland won twice, for *To Each His Own* (1946) and *The Heiress* (1949).



Loretta Young won for *The Farmer's Daughter* (1947).



Jane Wyman won for *Johnny Belinda* (1948); first winner to utilize ASL.

	Barbara Stanwyck	Leona Stevenson	<i>Sorry, Wrong Number</i>	
1949 (22nd)	Olivia de Havilland ‡	Catherine Sloper	<i>The Heiress</i>	[27]
	Jeanne Crain	Patricia "Pinky" Johnson	<i>Pinky</i>	
	Susan Hayward	Eloise Winters	<i>My Foolish Heart</i>	
	Deborah Kerr	Evelyn Boulton	<i>Edward, My Son</i>	
	Loretta Young	Margaret	<i>Come to the Stable</i>	



Judy Holliday won for *Born Yesterday* (1950).



Shirley Booth won for *Come Back, Little Sheba* (1952); won Tony for the same role —first actress to accomplish this.



Audrey Hepburn won for *Roman Holiday* (1953).



Grace Kelly won for *The Country Girl* (1954).



1950s [[edit](#)]

Year	Actress	Role(s)	Film	Ref.
1950 (23rd)	Judy Holliday ‡	Emma "Billie" Dawn	<i>Born Yesterday</i>	[28]
	Anne Baxter	Eve Harrington	<i>All About Eve</i>	
	Bette Davis	Margo Channing		
	Eleanor Parker	Marie Allen	<i>Caged</i>	
	Gloria Swanson	Norma Desmond	<i>Sunset Boulevard</i>	
1951 (24th)	Vivien Leigh ‡	Blanche DuBois	<i>A Streetcar Named Desire</i>	[29]
	Katharine Hepburn	Rose Sayer	<i>The African Queen</i>	
	Eleanor Parker	Mary McLeod	<i>Detective Story</i>	
	Shelley Winters	Alice Tripp	<i>A Place in the Sun</i>	
	Jane Wyman	Louise Mason	<i>The Blue Veil</i>	
1952 (25th)	Shirley Booth ‡	Lola Delaney	<i>Come Back, Little Sheba</i>	[30]
	Joan Crawford	Myra Hudson	<i>Sudden Fear</i>	
	Bette Davis	Margaret Elliot	<i>The Star</i>	
	Julie Harris	Frances "Frankie" Addams	<i>The Member of the Wedding</i>	
	Susan Hayward	Jane Froman	<i>With a Song in My Heart</i>	

1953 (26th)	Audrey Hepburn ‡	Princess Ann	<i>Roman Holiday</i>	[31]
	Leslie Caron	Lili Daurier	<i>Lili</i>	
	Ava Gardner	Eloise "Honey Bear" Kelly	<i>Mogambo</i>	
	Deborah Kerr	Karen Holmes	<i>From Here to Eternity</i>	
	Maggie McNamara	Patty O'Neill	<i>The Moon Is Blue</i>	
1954 (27th)	Grace Kelly ‡	Georgie Elgin	<i>The Country Girl</i>	[32]
	Dorothy Dandridge	Carmen Jones	<i>Carmen Jones</i>	
	Judy Garland	Esther Victoria Blodgett / Vicki Lester	<i>A Star Is Born</i>	
	Audrey Hepburn	Sabrina Fairchild	<i>Sabrina</i>	
	Jane Wyman	Helen Phillips	<i>Magnificent Obsession</i>	
1955 (28th)	Anna Magnani ‡	Serafina Delle Rose	<i>The Rose Tattoo</i>	[33]
	Susan Hayward	Lillian Roth	<i>I'll Cry Tomorrow</i>	
	Katharine Hepburn	Jane Hudson	<i>Summertime</i>	
	Jennifer Jones	Han Suyin	<i>Love is a Many-Splendored Thing</i>	
	Eleanor Parker	Marjorie Lawrence	<i>Interrupted Melody</i>	
1956 (29th)	Ingrid Bergman ‡	Anna Koreff / Anastasia	<i>Anastasia</i>	[34]
	Carroll Baker	Baby Doll Meighan	<i>Baby Doll</i>	
	Katharine Hepburn	Lizzie Curry	<i>The Rainmaker</i>	
	Nancy Kelly	Christine Penmark	<i>The Bad Seed</i>	
	Deborah Kerr	Anna Leonowens	<i>The King and I</i>	
1957 (30th)	Joanne Woodward ‡	Eve White / Eve Black / Jane	<i>The Three Faces of Eve</i>	[35]
	Deborah Kerr	Angela	<i>Heaven Knows, Mr. Allison</i>	

Anna Magnani won for *The Rose Tattoo* (1955).



Joanne Woodward won for *The Three Faces of Eve* (1957).



Susan Hayward won for *I Want to Live!* (1958).



Simone Signoret won for *Room at the Top* (1959).



Elizabeth Taylor won twice, for *BUTterfield 8* (1960) and *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* (1966).

	Anna Magnani	Gioia	<i>Wild Is the Wind</i>	
	Elizabeth Taylor	Susanna Drake	<i>Raintree County</i>	
	Lana Turner	Constance MacKenzie	<i>Peyton Place</i>	
1958 (31st)	Susan Hayward ‡	Barbara Graham	<i>I Want to Live!</i>	[36]
	Deborah Kerr	Sibyl Railton-Bell	<i>Separate Tables</i>	
	Shirley MacLaine	Ginnie Moorehead	<i>Some Came Running</i>	
	Rosalind Russell	Mame Dennis	<i>Auntie Mame</i>	
	Elizabeth Taylor	Margaret "Maggie the Cat" Pollitt	<i>Cat on a Hot Tin Roof</i>	
1959 (32nd)	Simone Signoret ‡	Alice Aisgill	<i>Room at the Top</i>	[37]
	Doris Day	Jan Morrow	<i>Pillow Talk</i>	
	Audrey Hepburn	Gabrielle van der Mal	<i>The Nun's Story</i>	
	Katharine Hepburn	Violet Venable	<i>Suddenly, Last Summer</i>	
	Elizabeth Taylor	Catherine Holly		



[Sophia Loren](#) won for *Two Women* (1960); first for a non-English (Italian) dialogue role.



[Anne Bancroft](#) won for *The Miracle Worker* (1962).



[Patricia Neal](#) won for *Hud* (1963).



[Julie Andrews](#) won for *Mary Poppins* (1964).

1960s [\[edit \]](#)

Year	Actress	Role(s)	Film	Ref.
1960 (33rd)	Elizabeth Taylor ‡	Gloria Wandrous	<i>Butterfield 8</i>	[38]
	Greer Garson	Eleanor Roosevelt	<i>Sunrise at Campobello</i>	
	Deborah Kerr	Ida Carmody	<i>The Sundowners</i>	
	Shirley MacLaine	Fran Kubelik	<i>The Apartment</i>	
	Melina Mercouri	Ilya	<i>Never on Sunday</i>	
1961 (34th)	Sophia Loren ‡	Cesira	<i>Two Women</i> ^[39]	[40]
	Audrey Hepburn	Holly Golightly / Lula Mae Barnes	<i>Breakfast at Tiffany's</i>	
	Piper Laurie	Sarah Packard	<i>The Hustler</i>	
	Geraldine Page	Alma Winemiller	<i>Summer and Smoke</i>	

	Natalie Wood	Wilma Dean "Deanie" Loomis	<i>Splendor in the Grass</i>	
1962 (35th)	Anne Bancroft ‡	Annie Sullivan	<i>The Miracle Worker</i>	[41]
	Bette Davis	Baby Jane Hudson	<i>What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?</i>	
	Katharine Hepburn	Mary Cavan Tyrone	<i>Long Day's Journey into Night</i>	
	Geraldine Page	Alexandra Del Lago	<i>Sweet Bird of Youth</i>	
	Lee Remick	Kirsten Arnesen Clay	<i>Days of Wine and Roses</i>	
1963 (36th)	Patricia Neal ‡	Alma Brown	<i>Hud</i>	[42]
	Leslie Caron	Jane Fossett	<i>The L-Shaped Room</i>	
	Shirley MacLaine	Irma La Douce	<i>Irma la Douce</i>	
	Rachel Roberts	Margaret Hammond	<i>This Sporting Life</i>	
	Natalie Wood	Angie Rossini	<i>Love with the Proper Stranger</i>	
1964 (37th)	Julie Andrews ‡	Mary Poppins	<i>Mary Poppins</i>	[43]
	Anne Bancroft	Jo Armitage	<i>The Pumpkin Eater</i>	
	Sophia Loren	Filumena Marturano	<i>Marriage Italian Style</i>	
	Debbie Reynolds	Molly Brown	<i>The Unsinkable Molly Brown</i>	
	Kim Stanley	Myra Savage	<i>Séance on a Wet Afternoon</i>	
1965 (38th)	Julie Christie ‡	Diana Scott	<i>Darling</i>	[44]
	Julie Andrews	Maria von Trapp	<i>The Sound of Music</i>	
	Samantha Eggar	Miranda Grey	<i>The Collector</i>	
	Elizabeth Hartman	Selina D'Arcy	<i>A Patch of Blue</i>	
	Simone Signoret	La Condesa	<i>Ship of Fools</i>	
1966 (39th)	Elizabeth Taylor ‡	Martha	<i>Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?</i>	[45]
	Anouk Aimée	Anne Gauthier	<i>A Man and a Woman</i>	
	Ida Kamińska	Rozalie Lautmann	<i>The Shop on Main Street</i>	
	Lynn Redgrave	Georgina "Georgy" Parkin	<i>Georgy Girl</i>	



Julie Christie won *Darling* (1965).



Barbra Streisand won for *Funny Girl* (1968), in a tie with Katharine Hepburn.



Maggie Smith won for *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* (1969).



Glenda Jackson won twice, for *Women in Love* (1970) and *A Touch of Class* (1973).

	Vanessa Redgrave	Leonie Delt	<i>Morgan!</i>	
1967 (40th)	Katharine Hepburn ‡	Christina Drayton	<i>Guess Who's Coming to Dinner</i>	[46]
	Anne Bancroft	Mrs. Robinson	<i>The Graduate</i>	
	Faye Dunaway	Bonnie Parker	<i>Bonnie and Clyde</i>	
	Edith Evans	Maggie Ross	<i>The Whisperers</i>	
	Audrey Hepburn	Susy Hendrix	<i>Wait Until Dark</i>	
1968 (41st)	Katharine Hepburn ‡ (TIE) [C]	Eleanor of Aquitaine	<i>The Lion in Winter</i>	[47]
	Barbra Streisand ‡ (TIE) [C]	Fanny Brice	<i>Funny Girl</i>	
	Patricia Neal	Nettie Cleary	<i>The Subject Was Roses</i>	
	Vanessa Redgrave	Isadora Duncan	<i>Isadora</i>	
	Joanne Woodward	Rachel Cameron	<i>Rachel, Rachel</i>	
1969 (42nd)	Maggie Smith ‡	Jean Brodie	<i>The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie</i>	[48]
	Geneviève Bujold	Anne Boleyn	<i>Anne of the Thousand Days</i>	
	Jane Fonda	Gloria Beatty	<i>They Shoot Horses, Don't They?</i>	
	Liza Minnelli	Mary Ann "Pookie" Adams	<i>The Sterile Cuckoo</i>	
	Jean Simmons	Mary Wilson	<i>The Happy Ending</i>	

1970s [[edit](#)]

Year	Actress	Role(s)	Film	Ref.
1970 (43rd)	Glenda Jackson ‡	Gudrun Brangwen	<i>Women in Love</i>	[49]
	Jane Alexander	Eleanor Backman	<i>The Great White Hope</i>	



Jane Fonda won twice, for ***Klute*** (1971) and ***Coming Home*** (1978).



Liza Minnelli won for ***Cabaret*** (1972).



Ellen Burstyn won for ***Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore*** (1974).



Louise Fletcher won for ***One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*** (1975).

	Ali MacGraw	Jennifer Cavalleri-Barrett	<i>Love Story</i>	
	Sarah Miles	Rosy Ryan	<i>Ryan's Daughter</i>	
	Carrie Snodgress	Bettina "Tina" Balser	<i>Diary of a Mad Housewife</i>	
1971 (44th)	Jane Fonda ‡	Bree Daniels	<i>Klute</i>	[50]
	Julie Christie	Constance Miller	<i>McCabe & Mrs. Miller</i>	
	Glenda Jackson	Alex Greville	<i>Sunday Bloody Sunday</i>	
	Vanessa Redgrave	Mary, Queen of Scots	<i>Mary, Queen of Scots</i>	
	Janet Suzman	Empress Alexandra of Russia	<i>Nicholas and Alexandra</i>	
1972 (45th)	Liza Minnelli ‡	Sally Bowles	<i>Cabaret</i>	[51]
	Diana Ross	Billie Holiday	<i>Lady Sings the Blues</i>	
	Maggie Smith	Augusta Bertram	<i>Travels with My Aunt</i>	
	Cicely Tyson	Rebecca Morgan	<i>Souder</i>	
	Liv Ullmann	Kristina Nilsson	<i>The Emigrants</i>	
1973 (46th)	Glenda Jackson ‡	Vickie Alessio	<i>A Touch of Class</i>	[52]
	Ellen Burstyn	Chris MacNeil	<i>The Exorcist</i>	
	Marsha Mason	Maggie Paul	<i>Cinderella Liberty</i>	
	Barbra Streisand	Katie Morosky	<i>The Way We Were</i>	
	Joanne Woodward	Rita Walden	<i>Summer Wishes, Winter Dreams</i>	
1974 (47th)	Ellen Burstyn ‡	Alice Hyatt	<i>Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore</i>	[53]
	Diahann Carroll	Claudine Price	<i>Claudine</i>	
	Faye Dunaway	Evelyn Cross Mulwray	<i>Chinatown</i>	
	Valerie Perrine	Harriett Jolliff / Honey Bruce	<i>Lenny</i>	
	Gena Rowlands	Mabel Longhetti	<i>A Woman Under the Influence</i>	
1975 (48th)	Louise Fletcher ‡	Nurse Mildred Ratched	<i>One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest</i>	[54]



Faye Dunaway won for *Network* (1976).



Diane Keaton won for *Annie Hall* (1977).



Sally Field won twice, for *Norma Rae* (1979) and *Places in the Heart* (1984).



Sissy Spacek won for *Coal Miner's Daughter* (1980).

	Isabelle Adjani	Adèle Hugo / Adèle Lewly	<i>The Story of Adele H.</i>	
	Ann-Margret	Nora Walker	<i>Tommy</i>	
	Glenda Jackson	Hedda Gabler	<i>Hedda</i>	
	Carol Kane	Gitl	<i>Hester Street</i>	
1976 (49th)	Faye Dunaway ‡	Diana Christensen	<i>Network</i>	[55]
	Marie-Christine Barrault	Marthe	<i>Cousin Cousine</i>	
	Talia Shire	Adrian Pennino	<i>Rocky</i>	
	Sissy Spacek	Carrie White	<i>Carrie</i>	
	Liv Ullmann	Jenny Isaksson	<i>Face to Face</i>	
1977 (50th)	Diane Keaton ‡	Annie Hall	<i>Annie Hall</i>	[56]
	Anne Bancroft	Emma Jacklin	<i>The Turning Point</i>	
	Jane Fonda	Lillian Hellman	<i>Julia</i>	
	Shirley MacLaine	Deedee Rodgers	<i>The Turning Point</i>	
	Marsha Mason	Paula McFadden	<i>The Goodbye Girl</i>	
1978 (51st)	Jane Fonda ‡	Sally Hyde	<i>Coming Home</i>	[57]
	Ingrid Bergman	Charlotte Andergast	<i>Autumn Sonata</i>	
	Ellen Burstyn	Doris	<i>Same Time, Next Year</i>	
	Jill Clayburgh	Erica Benton	<i>An Unmarried Woman</i>	
	Geraldine Page	Eve	<i>Interiors</i>	
1979 (52nd)	Sally Field ‡	Norma Rae Webster	<i>Norma Rae</i>	[58]
	Jill Clayburgh	Marilyn Holmberg	<i>Starting Over</i>	
	Jane Fonda	Kimberly Wells	<i>The China Syndrome</i>	
	Marsha Mason	Jennie MacLaine	<i>Chapter Two</i>	
	Bette Midler	Mary Rose Foster	<i>The Rose</i>	

1980s [[edit](#)]

Year	Actress	Role(s)	Film	Ref.
1980 (53rd)	Sissy Spacek ‡	Loretta Lynn	<i>Coal Miner's Daughter</i>	[59]
	Ellen Burstyn	Edna Mae Harper-McCauley	<i>Resurrection</i>	



Meryl Streep won twice, for *Sophie's Choice* (1982) and *The Iron Lady* (2011).



Shirley MacLaine won for *Terms of Endearment* (1983).



Geraldine Page won for *The Trip to Bountiful* (1985).



Marlee Matlin won for *Children of a Lesser God* (1986); **first deaf**, and at age 21, **this category's youngest winner**.

	Goldie Hawn	Judy Benjamin	<i>Private Benjamin</i>	
	Mary Tyler Moore	Beth Jarrett	<i>Ordinary People</i>	
	Gena Rowlands	Gloria Swenson	<i>Gloria</i>	
1981 (54th)	Katharine Hepburn ‡	Ethel Thayer	<i>On Golden Pond</i>	[60]
	Diane Keaton	Louise Bryant	<i>Reds</i>	
	Marsha Mason	Georgia Hines	<i>Only When I Laugh</i>	
	Susan Sarandon	Sally Matthews	<i>Atlantic City</i>	
	Meryl Streep	Sara Woodruff and Anna	<i>The French Lieutenant's Woman</i>	
1982 (55th)	Meryl Streep ‡	Sophie Zawistowski	<i>Sophie's Choice</i>	[61]
	Julie Andrews	Victor Grazinski / Victoria Grant	<i>Victor/Victoria</i>	
	Jessica Lange	Frances Farmer	<i>Frances</i>	
	Sissy Spacek	Beth Horman	<i>Missing</i>	
	Debra Winger	Paula Pokrifki	<i>An Officer and a Gentleman</i>	
1983 (56th)	Shirley MacLaine ‡	Aurora Greenway	<i>Terms of Endearment</i>	[62]
	Jane Alexander	Carol Wetherly	<i>Testament</i>	
	Meryl Streep	Karen Silkwood	<i>Silkwood</i>	
	Julie Walters	Susan White / Rita	<i>Educating Rita</i>	
	Debra Winger	Emma Greenway Horton	<i>Terms of Endearment</i>	
1984 (57th)	Sally Field ‡	Edna Spalding	<i>Places in the Heart</i>	[63]
	Judy Davis	Adela Quested	<i>A Passage to India</i>	
	Jessica Lange	Jewell Ivy	<i>Country</i>	
	Vanessa Redgrave	Olive Chancellor	<i>The Bostonians</i>	
	Sissy Spacek	Mae Garvey	<i>The River</i>	
1985 (58th)	Geraldine Page ‡	Carrie Watts	<i>The Trip to Bountiful</i>	[64]



[Cher](#) won for *[Moonstruck](#)* (1987).



[Jodie Foster](#) won twice, for *[The Accused](#)* (1988) and *[The Silence of the Lambs](#)* (1991).

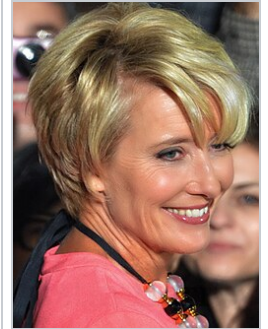


[Jessica Tandy](#) won for *[Driving Miss Daisy](#)* (1989); this category's oldest winner, at age 80.

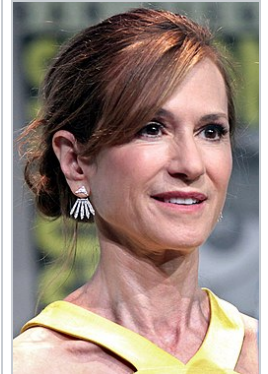


[Kathy Bates](#) won for *[Misery](#)* (1990).

	Anne Bancroft	Miriam Ruth / Anna Maria Burchetti	<i>Agnes of God</i>	
	Whoopi Goldberg	Celie Harris-Johnson	<i>The Color Purple</i>	
	Jessica Lange	Patsy Cline	<i>Sweet Dreams</i>	
	Meryl Streep	Karen Blixen	<i>Out of Africa</i>	
1986 (59th)	Marlee Matlin ‡	Sarah Norman	<i>Children of a Lesser God</i>	[65]
	Jane Fonda	Alex Sternbergen / Viveca Van Loren	<i>The Morning After</i>	
	Sissy Spacek	Babe Botrelle / Rebecca MaGrath	<i>Crimes of the Heart</i>	
	Kathleen Turner	Peggy Sue Kelcher-Bodell	<i>Peggy Sue Got Married</i>	
	Sigourney Weaver	Ellen Ripley	<i>Aliens</i>	
1987 (60th)	Cher ‡	Loretta Castorini	<i>Moonstruck</i>	[66]
	Glenn Close	Alex Forrest	<i>Fatal Attraction</i>	
	Holly Hunter	Jane Craig	<i>Broadcast News</i>	
	Sally Kirkland	Anna	<i>Anna</i>	
	Meryl Streep	Helen Archer	<i>Ironweed</i>	
1988 (61st)	Jodie Foster ‡	Sarah Tobias	<i>The Accused</i>	[67]
	Glenn Close	Marquise Isabelle de Merteuil	<i>Dangerous Liaisons</i>	
	Melanie Griffith	Tess McGill	<i>Working Girl</i>	
	Meryl Streep	Lindy Chamberlain	<i>A Cry in the Dark</i>	
	Sigourney Weaver	Dian Fossey	<i>Gorillas in the Mist</i>	
1989 (62nd)	Jessica Tandy ‡	Daisy Werthan	<i>Driving Miss Daisy</i>	[68]
	Isabelle Adjani	Camille Claudel	<i>Camille Claudel</i>	
	Pauline Collins	Shirley Valentine-Bradshaw	<i>Shirley Valentine</i>	
	Jessica Lange	Ann Talbot	<i>Music Box</i>	
	Michelle Pfeiffer	Susie Diamond	<i>The Fabulous Baker Boys</i>	



Emma Thompson won for *Howards End* (1992).



Holly Hunter won for *The Piano* (1993).



Jessica Lange won for *Blue Sky* (1994).



Susan Sarandon won for *Dead Man Walking* (1995).

1990s [[edit](#)]

Year	Actress	Role(s)	Film	Ref.
1990 (63rd)	Kathy Bates ‡	Annie Wilkes	<i>Misery</i>	[69]
	Anjelica Huston	Lilly Dillon	<i>The Grifters</i>	
	Julia Roberts	Vivian Ward	<i>Pretty Woman</i>	
	Meryl Streep	Suzanne Vale	<i>Postcards from the Edge</i>	
	Joanne Woodward	India Bridge	<i>Mr. & Mrs. Bridge</i>	
1991 (64th)	Jodie Foster ‡	Clarice Starling	<i>The Silence of the Lambs</i>	[70]
	Geena Davis	Thelma Dickinson	<i>Thelma & Louise</i>	
	Laura Dern	Rose	<i>Rambling Rose</i>	
	Bette Midler	Dixie Leonard	<i>For the Boys</i>	
	Susan Sarandon	Louise Sawyer	<i>Thelma & Louise</i>	
1992 (65th)	Emma Thompson ‡	Margaret Schlegel	<i>Howards End</i>	[71]
	Catherine Deneuve	Éliane Devries	<i>Indochine</i>	
	Mary McDonnell	May-Alice Culhane	<i>Passion Fish</i>	
	Michelle Pfeiffer	Louise Irene "Lurene" Hallett	<i>Love Field</i>	
	Susan Sarandon	Michaela Murphy Odone	<i>Lorenzo's Oil</i>	
1993 (66th)	Holly Hunter ‡	Ada McGrath	<i>The Piano</i>	[72]
	Angela Bassett	Anna Mae Bullock / Tina Turner	<i>What's Love Got to Do with It</i>	
	Stockard Channing	Louisa "Ouisa" Kittredge	<i>Six Degrees of Separation</i>	
	Emma Thompson	Sarah "Sally" Kenton	<i>The Remains of the Day</i>	
	Debra Winger	Joy Davidman	<i>Shadowlands</i>	
1994 (67th)	Jessica Lange ‡	Carly Marshall	<i>Blue Sky</i>	[73]
	Jodie Foster	Nell Kellty	<i>Nell</i>	



[Frances McDormand](#) won thrice, for *Fargo* (1996), *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri* (2017), and *Nomadland* (2020).



[Helen Hunt](#) won for *As Good as It Gets* (1997).



[Gwyneth Paltrow](#) won for *Shakespeare in Love* (1998).



[Hilary Swank](#) won twice, for *Boys Don't Cry* (1999) and *Million Dollar Baby* (2004).

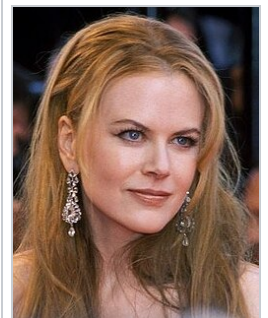
	Miranda Richardson	Vivienne Haigh-Wood	<i>Tom & Viv</i>	
	Winona Ryder	Josephine "Jo" March	<i>Little Women</i>	
	Susan Sarandon	Regina "Reggie" Love	<i>The Client</i>	
1995 (68th)	Susan Sarandon ‡	Helen Prejean	<i>Dead Man Walking</i>	[74]
	Elisabeth Shue	Sera	<i>Leaving Las Vegas</i>	
	Sharon Stone	Ginger McKenna	<i>Casino</i>	
	Meryl Streep	Francesca Johnson	<i>The Bridges of Madison County</i>	
	Emma Thompson	Elinor Dashwood	<i>Sense and Sensibility</i>	
1996 (69th)	Frances McDormand ‡	Marge Gunderson	<i>Fargo</i>	[75]
	Brenda Blethyn	Cynthia Rose Purley	<i>Secrets & Lies</i>	
	Diane Keaton	Bessie Wakefield	<i>Marvin's Room</i>	
	Kristin Scott Thomas	Katharine Clifton	<i>The English Patient</i>	
	Emily Watson	Bess McNeill	<i>Breaking the Waves</i>	
1997 (70th)	Helen Hunt ‡	Carol Connelly	<i>As Good as It Gets</i>	[76]
	Helena Bonham Carter	Kate Croy	<i>The Wings of the Dove</i>	
	Julie Christie	Phyllis Hart	<i>Afterglow</i>	
	Judi Dench	Queen Victoria	<i>Mrs Brown</i>	
	Kate Winslet	Rose DeWitt Bukater	<i>Titanic</i>	
1998 (71st)	Gwyneth Paltrow ‡	Viola de Lesseps	<i>Shakespeare in Love</i>	[77]
	Cate Blanchett	Queen Elizabeth I	<i>Elizabeth</i>	
	Fernanda Montenegro	Isadora "Dora" Teixeira	<i>Central Station</i>	
	Meryl Streep	Kate Gulden	<i>One True Thing</i>	
	Emily Watson	Jacqueline du Pré	<i>Hilary and Jackie</i>	



Julia Roberts won for *Erin Brockovich* (2000).



Halle Berry won for *Monster's Ball* (2001); first black winner in this category.



Nicole Kidman won for *The Hours* (2002).



Charlize Theron won for *Monster* (2003).

1999 (72nd)	Hilary Swank ‡	Brandon Teena	<i>Boys Don't Cry</i>	[78]
	Annette Bening	Carolyn Burnham	<i>American Beauty</i>	
	Janet McTeer	Mary Jo Walker	<i>Tumbleweeds</i>	
	Julianne Moore	Sarah Miles	<i>The End of the Affair</i>	
	Meryl Streep	Roberta Guaspari	<i>Music of the Heart</i>	

2000s [edit]

Year	Actress	Role(s)	Film	Ref.
2000 (73rd)	Julia Roberts ‡	Erin Brockovich	<i>Erin Brockovich</i>	[79]
	Joan Allen	Laine Hanson	<i>The Contender</i>	
	Juliette Binoche	Vianne Rocher	<i>Chocolat</i>	
	Ellen Burstyn	Sara Goldfarb	<i>Requiem for a Dream</i>	
	Laura Linney	Samantha "Sammy" Prescott	<i>You Can Count on Me</i>	
2001 (74th)	Halle Berry ‡	Leticia Musgrove	<i>Monster's Ball</i>	[80]
	Judi Dench	Iris Murdoch	<i>Iris</i>	
	Nicole Kidman	Satine	<i>Moulin Rouge!</i>	
	Sissy Spacek	Ruth Fowler	<i>In the Bedroom</i>	
	Renée Zellweger	Bridget Jones	<i>Bridget Jones's Diary</i>	
2002 (75th)	Nicole Kidman ‡	Virginia Woolf	<i>The Hours</i>	[81]
	Salma Hayek	Frida Kahlo	<i>Frida</i>	
	Diane Lane	Constance "Connie" Sumner	<i>Unfaithful</i>	
	Julianne Moore	Cathy Whitaker	<i>Far from Heaven</i>	
	Renée Zellweger	Roxie Hart	<i>Chicago</i>	
2003 (76th)	Charlize Theron ‡	Aileen Wuornos	<i>Monster</i>	[82]
	Keisha Castle-Hughes	Paikea Apirana	<i>Whale Rider</i>	
	Diane Keaton	Erica Jane Berry	<i>Something's Gotta Give</i>	
	Samantha Morton	Sarah Sullivan	<i>In America</i>	



Reese Witherspoon won for *Walk the Line* (2005).



Helen Mirren won for *The Queen* (2006).



Marion Cotillard won for *La Vie en Rose* (2007); first French-language performance winner.



Kate Winslet won for *The Reader* (2008).

	Naomi Watts	Cristina Williams-Peck	<i>21 Grams</i>	
2004 (77th)	Hilary Swank ‡	Maggie Fitzgerald	<i>Million Dollar Baby</i>	[83]
	Annette Bening	Julia Lambert	<i>Being Julia</i>	
	Catalina Sandino Moreno	María Álvarez	<i>Maria Full of Grace</i>	
	Imelda Staunton	Vera Rose Drake	<i>Vera Drake</i>	
	Kate Winslet	Clementine Kruczynski	<i>Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind</i>	
2005 (78th)	Reese Witherspoon ‡	June Carter Cash	<i>Walk the Line</i>	[84]
	Judi Dench	Laura Forster-Henderson	<i>Mrs Henderson Presents</i>	
	Felicity Huffman	Sabrina "Bree" Osbourne	<i>Transamerica</i>	
	Keira Knightley	Elizabeth Bennet	<i>Pride & Prejudice</i>	
	Charlize Theron	Josey Aimes	<i>North Country</i>	
2006 (79th)	Helen Mirren ‡	Queen Elizabeth II	<i>The Queen</i>	[85]
	Penélope Cruz	Raimunda	<i>Volver</i>	
	Judi Dench	Barbara Covett	<i>Notes on a Scandal</i>	
	Meryl Streep	Miranda Priestly	<i>The Devil Wears Prada</i>	
	Kate Winslet	Sarah Pierce	<i>Little Children</i>	
2007 (80th)	Marion Cotillard ‡	Édith Piaf	<i>La Vie en Rose</i>	[86]
	Cate Blanchett	Queen Elizabeth I	<i>Elizabeth: The Golden Age</i>	
	Julie Christie	Fiona Anderson	<i>Away from Her</i>	
	Laura Linney	Wendy Savage	<i>The Savages</i>	
	Elliot Page ^[D]	Juno MacGuff	<i>Juno</i>	
2008 (81st)	Kate Winslet ‡	Hanna Schmitz	<i>The Reader</i>	[87]
	Anne Hathaway	Kym Buchman	<i>Rachel Getting Married</i>	
	Angelina Jolie	Christine Collins	<i>Changeling</i>	
	Melissa Leo	Ray Eddy	<i>Frozen River</i>	



Sandra Bullock won for *The Blind Side* (2009).



Natalie Portman won for *Black Swan* (2010).



Jennifer Lawrence won for *Silver Linings Playbook* (2012).



Cate Blanchett won for *Blue Jasmine* (2013).



	Meryl Streep	Sister Aloysius Beauvier	<i>Doubt</i>	
2009 (82nd)	Sandra Bullock ‡	Leigh Anne Tuohy	<i>The Blind Side</i>	[88]
	Helen Mirren	Countess Sophia Tolstaya	<i>The Last Station</i>	
	Carey Mulligan	Jenny Mellor	<i>An Education</i>	
	Gabourey Sidibe	Claireece "Precious" Jones	<i>Precious</i>	
	Meryl Streep	Julia Child	<i>Julie & Julia</i>	

2010s [\[edit \]](#)

Year	Actress	Role(s)	Film	Ref.
2010 (83rd)	Natalie Portman ‡	Nina Sayers	<i>Black Swan</i>	[89]
	Annette Bening	Dr. Nicole "Nic" Allgood	<i>The Kids Are All Right</i>	
	Nicole Kidman	Becca Corbett	<i>Rabbit Hole</i>	
	Jennifer Lawrence	Ree Dolly	<i>Winter's Bone</i>	
	Michelle Williams	Cynthia "Cindy" Heller	<i>Blue Valentine</i>	
2011 (84th)	Meryl Streep ‡	Margaret Thatcher	<i>The Iron Lady</i>	[90]
	Glenn Close	Albert Nobbs	<i>Albert Nobbs</i>	
	Viola Davis	Aibileen Clark	<i>The Help</i>	
	Rooney Mara	Lisbeth Salander	<i>The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo</i>	
	Michelle Williams	Marilyn Monroe	<i>My Week with Marilyn</i>	
2012 (85th)	Jennifer Lawrence ‡	Tiffany Maxwell	<i>Silver Linings Playbook</i>	[91]
	Jessica Chastain	Maya Harris	<i>Zero Dark Thirty</i>	
	Emmanuelle Riva	Anne Laurent	<i>Amour</i>	
	Quvenzhané Wallis	Hushpuppy	<i>Beasts of the Southern Wild</i>	

[Julianne Moore](#) won for *[Still Alice](#)* (2014).



[Brie Larson](#) won for *[Room](#)* (2015).



[Emma Stone](#) won twice, for *[La La Land](#)* (2016) and *[Poor Things](#)* (2023).

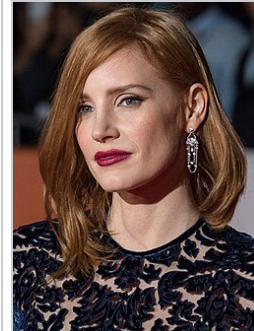


[Olivia Colman](#) won for *[The Favourite](#)* (2018).



[Renée Zellweger](#) won for *[Judy](#)* (2019).

	Naomi Watts	Maria Bennett	<i>The Impossible</i>	
2013 (86th)	Cate Blanchett ‡	Jeanette "Jasmine" Francis	<i>Blue Jasmine</i>	[92]
	Amy Adams	Sydney Prosser / Lady Edith Greensly	<i>American Hustle</i>	
	Sandra Bullock	Ryan Stone	<i>Gravity</i>	
	Judi Dench	Philomena Lee	<i>Philomena</i>	
	Meryl Streep	Violet Weston	<i>August: Osage County</i>	
2014 (87th)	Julianne Moore ‡	Alice Howland	<i>Still Alice</i>	[93]
	Marion Cotillard	Sandra Bya	<i>Two Days, One Night</i>	
	Felicity Jones	Jane Wilde Hawking	<i>The Theory of Everything</i>	
	Rosamund Pike	Amy Elliott-Dunne	<i>Gone Girl</i>	
	Reese Witherspoon	Cheryl Strayed	<i>Wild</i>	
2015 (88th)	Brie Larson ‡	Joy "Ma" Newsome	<i>Room</i>	[94]
	Cate Blanchett	Carol Aird	<i>Carol</i>	
	Jennifer Lawrence	Joy Mangano	<i>Joy</i>	
	Charlotte Rampling	Kate Mercer	<i>45 Years</i>	
	Saoirse Ronan	Eilis Lacey	<i>Brooklyn</i>	
2016 (89th)	Emma Stone ‡	Mia Dolan	<i>La La Land</i>	[95]
	Isabelle Huppert	Michèle Leblanc	<i>Elle</i>	
	Ruth Negga	Mildred Loving	<i>Loving</i>	
	Natalie Portman	Jacqueline "Jackie" Kennedy	<i>Jackie</i>	
	Meryl Streep	Florence Foster Jenkins	<i>Florence Foster Jenkins</i>	
2017 (90th)	Frances McDormand ‡	Mildred Hayes	<i>Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri</i>	[96]
	Sally Hawkins	Elisa Esposito	<i>The Shape of Water</i>	
	Margot Robbie	Tonya Harding	<i>I, Tonya</i>	



Jessica Chastain won for *The Eyes of Tammy Faye* (2021).



Michelle Yeoh won for *Everything Everywhere All at Once* (2022); first Southeast Asian winner in this category.

	Saoirse Ronan	Christine "Lady Bird" McPherson	<i>Lady Bird</i>	
	Meryl Streep	Katharine Graham	<i>The Post</i>	
2018 (91st)	Olivia Colman ‡	Queen Anne	<i>The Favourite</i>	[97]
	Yalitza Aparicio	Cleodegaria "Cleo" Gutiérrez	<i>Roma</i>	
	Glenn Close	Joan Castleman	<i>The Wife</i>	
	Lady Gaga	Ally Maine	<i>A Star Is Born</i>	
	Melissa McCarthy	Leonore Carol "Lee" Israel	<i>Can You Ever Forgive Me?</i>	
2019 (92nd)	Renée Zellweger ‡	Judy Garland	<i>Judy</i>	[98]
	Cynthia Erivo	Harriet Tubman	<i>Harriet</i>	
	Scarlett Johansson	Nicole Barber	<i>Marriage Story</i>	
	Saoirse Ronan	Josephine "Jo" March	<i>Little Women</i>	
	Charlize Theron	Megyn Kelly	<i>Bombshell</i>	

2020s [[edit](#)]

Year	Actress	Role(s)	Film	Ref.
2020/21 (93rd) ^[99]	Frances McDormand ‡	Fern	<i>Nomadland</i>	[100]
	Viola Davis	Gertrude "Ma" Rainey	<i>Ma Rainey's Black Bottom</i>	
	Andra Day	Billie Holiday	<i>The United States vs. Billie Holiday</i>	
	Vanessa Kirby	Martha Weiss	<i>Pieces of a Woman</i>	
	Carey Mulligan	Cassandra "Cassie" Thomas	<i>Promising Young Woman</i>	
2021 (94th)	Jessica Chastain ‡	Tammy Faye Bakker	<i>The Eyes of Tammy Faye</i>	[101]
	Olivia Colman	Leda Caruso	<i>The Lost Daughter</i>	
	Penélope Cruz	Janis Martínez Moreno	<i>Parallel Mothers</i>	
	Nicole Kidman	Lucille Ball	<i>Being the Ricardos</i>	

	Kristen Stewart	Diana, Princess of Wales	<i>Spencer</i>	
2022 (95th)	Michelle Yeoh ‡	Evelyn Quan Wang	<i>Everything Everywhere All at Once</i>	[102]
	Cate Blanchett	Lydia Tár	<i>Tár</i>	
	Ana de Armas	Norma Jeane / Marilyn Monroe	<i>Blonde</i>	
	Andrea Riseborough	Leslie Rowland	<i>To Leslie</i>	
	Michelle Williams	Mitzi Fabelman	<i>The Fabelmans</i>	
2023 (96th)	Emma Stone ‡	Bella Baxter	<i>Poor Things</i>	[103]
	Annette Bening	Diana Nyad	<i>Nyad</i>	
	Lily Gladstone	Mollie Burkhart	<i>Killers of the Flower Moon</i>	
	Sandra Hüller	Sandra Voyter	<i>Anatomy of a Fall</i>	
	Carey Mulligan	Felicia Montealegre	<i>Maestro</i>	
2024 (97th)	Mikey Madison ‡	Anora "Ani" Mikheeva	<i>Anora</i>	[104]
	Cynthia Erivo	Elphaba Thropp	<i>Wicked</i>	
	Karla Sofía Gascón	Emilia Pérez / Juan "Manitas" Del Monte	<i>Emilia Pérez</i>	
	Demi Moore	Elisabeth Sparkle	<i>The Substance</i>	
	Fernanda Torres	Eunice Paiva	<i>I'm Still Here</i>	

Multiple wins and nominations [[edit](#)]

See also: *List of superlative Academy Award winners and nominees § Best Actress in a Leading Role*

The following individuals won two or more Academy Awards for Best Actress:

Wins	Actress	Nominations
4	Katharine Hepburn	12
3	Frances McDormand	3
2	Meryl Streep	17
	Bette Davis	11
	Ingrid Bergman	6
	Jane Fonda	
	Elizabeth Taylor	5
	Olivia de Havilland	4

	Glenda Jackson	3
	Jodie Foster	
	Sally Field	2
	Vivien Leigh	
	Luise Rainer	
	Emma Stone	
	Hilary Swank	

Main article: [List of actors with more than one Academy Award nomination in the acting categories](#)
§ [Most nominations by category \(actress\)](#)

The following individuals received three or more Best Actress nominations:

Nominations	Actress
17	Meryl Streep
12	Katharine Hepburn
11	Bette Davis
7	Greer Garson
6	Ingrid Bergman
	Jane Fonda
	Deborah Kerr
	Sissy Spacek
5	Anne Bancroft
	Cate Blanchett
	Ellen Burstyn
	Judi Dench
	Irene Dunne
	Susan Hayward
	Audrey Hepburn
	Jessica Lange
	Shirley MacLaine
	Susan Sarandon
	Norma Shearer
	Elizabeth Taylor

4	Annette Bening
	Julie Christie
	Glenn Close
	Olivia de Havilland
	Greta Garbo
	Glenda Jackson
	Jennifer Jones
	Diane Keaton
	Nicole Kidman
	Marsha Mason
	Geraldine Page
	Vanessa Redgrave
	Rosalind Russell
	Barbara Stanwyck
	Kate Winslet
	Joanne Woodward
	Jane Wyman
3	Julie Andrews
	Claudette Colbert
	Joan Crawford
	Faye Dunaway
	Joan Fontaine
	Jodie Foster
	Jennifer Lawrence
	Frances McDormand
	Julianne Moore
	Carey Mulligan
	Eleanor Parker
	Saoirse Ronan
	Gloria Swanson
	Charlize Theron
	Emma Thompson

	Michelle Williams
	Debra Winger
	Renée Zellweger

Age superlatives [edit]

Main article: [List of oldest and youngest Academy Award winners and nominees § Best Actress in a Leading Role](#)

Record	Actor	Film	Year	Age	Ref.
Oldest Winner	Jessica Tandy	<i>Driving Miss Daisy</i>	1990	80	[105]
Oldest Nominee	Emmanuelle Riva	<i>Amour</i>	2013	85	[105]
Youngest Winner	Marlee Matlin	<i>Children of a Lesser God</i>	1987	21	[105]
Youngest Nominee	Quvenzhané Wallis	<i>Beasts of the Southern Wild</i>	2013	9	[105]

Films with multiple Leading Actress nominations [edit]

Winners are in **bold**.

- All About Eve* (1950) – [Anne Baxter](#) and [Bette Davis](#)
- Suddenly, Last Summer* (1959) – [Katharine Hepburn](#) and [Elizabeth Taylor](#)
- The Turning Point* (1977) – [Anne Bancroft](#) and [Shirley MacLaine](#)
- Terms of Endearment* (1983) – **[Shirley MacLaine](#)** and [Debra Winger](#)
- Thelma & Louise* (1991) – [Geena Davis](#) and [Susan Sarandon](#)

Multiple character nominations [edit]

The following were nominated for their portrayals of the same fictional or non-fictional character in separate films (including variations of the original).

- [Billie Holiday](#) from *Lady Sings the Blues* ([Diana Ross](#), 1972) and *The United States vs. Billie Holiday* ([Andra Day](#), 2021)
- [Josephine "Jo" March](#) from *Little Women* ([Winona Ryder](#), 1994) and *Little Women* ([Saoirse Ronan](#), 2019)
- [Leslie Crosbie](#) from *The Letter* ([Jeanne Eagels](#), 1929) and *The Letter* ([Bette Davis](#), 1940)
- [Marilyn Monroe](#) from *My Week with Marilyn* ([Michelle Williams](#), 2011) and *Blonde* ([Ana de Armas](#), 2022)
- [Queen Elizabeth I](#) from *Elizabeth* ([Cate Blanchett](#), 1998) and *Elizabeth: The Golden Age* ([Cate Blanchett](#), 2007)

- Vicki Lester (*née* Esther (Victoria) Blodgett) from *A Star Is Born* (Janet Gaynor, 1937) and *A Star Is Born* (Judy Garland, 1954)
 - Ally Maine (*née* Campano) from *A Star Is Born* (Lady Gaga, 2018)

See also [edit]

- Academy Award for Best Actor
- All Academy Award acting nominees
- List of actors with more than one Academy Award nomination in the acting categories
- List of actors with two or more Academy Awards in acting categories
- BAFTA Award for Best Actress in a Leading Role
- César Award for Best Actress
- Critics' Choice Movie Award for Best Actress
- Golden Globe Award for Best Actress in a Motion Picture – Drama
- Golden Globe Award for Best Actress – Motion Picture Comedy or Musical
- Independent Spirit Award for Best Female Lead
- Screen Actors Guild Award for Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Leading Role
- List of Academy Award–nominated films

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- ↑ The 2nd Academy Awards is unique in being the only occasion where there were no official nominees. Subsequent research by AMPAS has resulted in a list of unofficial or de facto nominees, based on records of which films were evaluated by the judges.

A^{1 2} : Rules at the time of the first three ceremonies allowed for a performer to receive a single nomination which could honor their work in more than one film. *Greta Garbo* and *Norma Shearer* were both nominated for two different roles in the same category. Current Academy rules forbid this from happening. No official reason was ever given as to why Shearer won the award for only one of the two films she was listed for.^[106]

B[^] : *Bette Davis*'s performance in *Of Human Bondage* was not nominated for an Oscar.^[107] Several influential people at the time campaigned to have her name included on the list, so for that year (and the following year also) the Academy relaxed its rules and allowed a write-in vote.^[108] Technically this meant that any performance was eligible to win the award, whether or not the person was an official nominee. While the Academy does not officially recognize this as a nomination for Davis,^{[109][110]} it has included her in the list of nominees for the 1935 ceremony on its official website.^[12]

C^{1 2} : *Katharine Hepburn* and *Barbra Streisand* received the same number of votes, resulting in both actresses receiving the award, according to Academy rules.^[111]

D[^] : *Elliot Page* was nominated as Ellen Page, before his *gender transition* in 2020.^[112]

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