



# The Alex Barris Mentorship Award

## Call for Entries

Did a mentor help you become the writer you are today? Have you always wanted to thank that person publicly? Now you can. Nominate him or her for the Alex Barris Mentorship Award.

Alex Barris was a writer, broadcaster and journalist, a pioneer of Canadian television and proud member of the WGC. Throughout his career, Alex always gave his time and talent to help others get a start in the industry he loved. After his death in 2004, his family and friends and the WGC decided to keep his name and spirit alive by sponsoring the Alex Barris Mentorship Award.

The award acknowledges one person who has gone far above and way beyond to help a writer — or several writers — to get a start in the business. While the nominator must be a WGC member, the recipient need not be. It could be a teacher or producer. Or it could be a story editor who stepped out of the traditional job description and did something extraordinary to help kickstart your career.

Past recipients of The Alex Barris Mentorship Award include David Peddie (2005), Josh Miller (2006), Ilana Frank (2007), Allan Magee (2008), Peter Mitchell (2010), Barbara Samuels (2012), Susin Nielsen (2014), and Clive Endersby (2016).

To nominate your mentor, please submit a written description of his or her impact on your career. A jury will select the winner, and an award will be presented at the WGC Screenwriting Awards on April 30, 2018.

**If you nominated someone in the past and they were not chosen to receive the award, please feel free to nominate him or her again.**

**Deadline for entries:** Thursday, March 1, 2018, 5:30 p.m. EST



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## Entry Form

Nominated by WGC Member: \_\_\_\_\_

WGC Membership Number (nominator): \_\_\_\_\_

I nominate: \_\_\_\_\_ Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (nominee – if known): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (nominee): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Reasons for Nomination:

Please submit your reasons for nomination on a separate typed sheet, along with a copy of the entry form.

*Please note that only the person chosen to receive the Alex Barris Mentorship Award, as well as the nominator of the recipient, will be contacted.*

Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- **Entry form must be received in the WGC offices by Thursday, March 1, 2018, 5:30 p.m. EST.**
- **The Alex Barris Mentorship Award will be presented on Monday, April 30, 2018 at the WGC Screenwriting Awards**

**Send to:     The Alex Barris Mentorship Award  
                  C/O Writers Guild of Canada  
                  366 Adelaide Street W., Ste 401  
                  Toronto, ON M5V 1R9**

You may mail your entry form and reasons for nomination to the address listed above, or submit via fax to (416) 979-9273.

If you prefer to submit your nomination via email, send it to [awards@wgc.ca](mailto:awards@wgc.ca) with “Alex Barris Mentorship Award” in the subject line. You may either send your emailed entry as an attachment, or enter the information requested on this form directly into the body of an email, followed by your reasons for nomination.