



# WGC Screenwriting Awards

## ALEX BARRIS MENTORSHIP AWARD 2020

We writers know how important mentors are. Most of us got our first break or most valuable lesson from a mentor who gave freely of their time to help us become better at our craft. Now it's time to publicly acknowledge that person's impact on your career, by nominating 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 made an outstanding commitment to help a writer — or several writers — get ahead in the business. While the nominator must be a WGC member, the recipient need not be. It could be a teacher or producer or 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 are David Peddie (2005), Josh Miller (2006), Ilana Frank (2007), Allan Magee (2008), Peter Mitchell (2010), Barbara Samuels (2012), Susin Nielsen (2014), Clive Endersby (2016) and Sherry White (2018).

To nominate your mentor, please submit a written description of his or her impact on your career. Feel free to include tales from others to help the jury understand just how outstanding this mentor has been. A jury will select the winner, and an award will be presented at the WGC Screenwriting Awards on April 27, 2020.

**If you have nominated someone in the past and they were not chosen to receive the award, please do consider nominating him or her again.**

**DEADLINE: Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:59PM EST**