



Movie Awards

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Movie awards provide a means of finding out which movies are popular. Of course, the most prominent movie awards are the Academy Awards, or Oscars, and many young adults are just as interested—if not more interested—as adults are in who the Oscar goes to. Two other sets of awards are arguably even more important to teens than the Oscars, and are far more helpful in gauging what young adults like: these are the Teen Choice Awards (on Fox) and the MTV Movie Awards.

The Teen Choice Awards, which has aired on Fox every August since 1999, honour achievement in many different categories including several that are movie related. The awards are actually more of a popularity contest than anything else, with winners being selected by teenagers between the ages of 13-19 who cast their ballots online at TeenPeople.com, MySpace.com, IGN.com, or Fox.com. The awards reveal not only the most popular movies but also the “hottest” actors and actresses. Ashton Kutcher appears to be the hottest actor with 12 individual wins over the years, including the award for Choice TV Personality last

year. For more information about the Teen Choice Awards, see <http://www.fox.com/teenchoice/>

2006 Teen Choice movie award winners:

Choice Movie – Action Adventure : *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest*

Choice Movie – Drama : *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*

Choice Movie – Chick Flick : *Just Like Heaven*

Choice Movie – Comedy : *She's The Man*

Choice Movie – Thriller : *Red Eye*

The MTV Movie Awards have been handed out every June since 1992. The nominees are selected by a panel at Tenth Planet Productions (which also created the awards show) before the general public gets to vote through the MTV website. Unlike the Teen Choice Awards, voting is not restricted by age, but teenagers likely make up a large percentage of voters as MTV productions tend to attract a lot of young people. The number of award categories changes from year to year and some of the categories are unconventional, like the Best Kiss and Sexiest Performance categories in the 2006 awards. For more information about the MTV Movie Awards, visit the awards' official website at <http://www.mtv.com/ontv/movieawards/>

2006 MTV Movie Award winners:

Best Movie : *Wedding Crashers*

Best Performance : Jake Gyllenhaal (*Brokeback Mountain*)

Best Comedic Performance : Steve Carell (*The 40-Year Old Virgin*)

Breakthrough Performance : Isla Fisher (*Wedding Crashers*)

Best Hero : Christian Bale (*Batman Begins*)

Best Villain : Hayden Christensen (*Star Wars III: Revenge of the Sith*)

Best On-Screen Team : Vince Vaughan & Owen Wilson (*Wedding Crashers*)

Sexiest Performance : Jessica Alba (*Sin City*)

Best Fight : Angelina Jolie & Brad Pitt (*Mr. & Mrs. Smith*)

Best Kiss : Jake Gyllenhaal & Heath Ledger (*Brokeback Mountain*)

MTV Generation Award : Jim Carrey

