

OLDEST/YOUNGEST DIRECTING NOMINEES/WINNERS

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[Updated thru 88th Awards (2/16)]

* Denotes winner

Oldest Nominees [from date of birth to date of nominations announcement]

- 79 years, 184 days. **John Huston**, *Prizzi's Honor* (1985)
[August 5, 1906 - February 5, 1986]
- 78 years, 193 days. **Charles Crichton**, *A Fish Called Wanda* (1988)
[August 6, 1910 - February 15, 1989]
- 76 years, 357 days. **Robert Altman**, *Gosford Park* (2001)
[February 20, 1925 - February 12, 2002]
- 76 years, 318 days. **David Lean**, *A Passage to India* (1984)
[March 25, 1908 - February 6, 1985]
- 76 years, 237 days. **Clint Eastwood**, *Letters from Iwo Jima* (2006)
[May 31, 1930 - January 23, 2007]
- 76 years, 54 days. **Woody Allen**, *Midnight in Paris* (2011)
[December 1, 1935 - January 24, 2012]
- 75 years, 319 days. **Akira Kurosawa**, *Ran* (1985)
[March 23, 1910 - February 5, 1986]
- 74 years, 239 days. ***Clint Eastwood**, *Million Dollar Baby* (2004)
[May 31, 1930 - January 25, 2005]
- 73 years, 241 days. **Clint Eastwood**, *Mystic River* (2003)
[May 31, 1930 - January 27, 2004]
- 71 years, 181 days. **Cecil B. DeMille**, *The Greatest Show on Earth* (1952)
[August 12, 1881 - February 9, 1953]

Oldest Winners [from date of birth to date of awards ceremony]

- 74 years, 272 days. ***Clint Eastwood**, *Million Dollar Baby* (2004)
[May 31, 1930 - February 27, 2005]
- 69 years, 217 days. ***Roman Polanski**, *The Pianist* (2002)
[August 18, 1933 - March 23, 2003]
- 65 years, 272 days. ***George Cukor**, *My Fair Lady* (1964)
[July 7, 1899 - April 5, 1965]
- 64 years, 100 days. ***Martin Scorsese**, *The Departed* (2006)
[November 17, 1942 - February 25, 2007]
- 62 years, 302 days. ***Clint Eastwood**, *Unforgiven* (1992)
[May 31, 1930 - March 29, 1993]
- 62 years, 105 days. ***Carol Reed**, *Oliver!* (1968)
[December 30, 1906 - April 14, 1969]
- 59 years, 346 days. ***Fred Zinnemann**, *A Man for All Seasons* (1966)
[April 29, 1907 - April 10, 1967]
- 59 years, 225 days. ***Richard Attenborough**, *Gandhi* (1982)
[August 29, 1923 - April 11, 1983]
- 59 years, 46 days. ***John Ford**, *The Quiet Man* (1952)
[February 1, 1894 - March 19, 1953]
- 58 years, 124 days. ***Ang Lee**, *Life of Pi* (2012)
[October 23, 1954 - February 24, 2013]

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Youngest Nominees [from date of birth to date of nominations announcement]

- 24 years, 44 days. **John Singleton**, *Boyz n the Hood* (1991)
[January 6, 1968 - February 19, 1992]
- 26 years, 279 days. **Orson Welles**, *Citizen Kane* (1941)
[May 6, 1915 - February 9, 1942]
- 29 years, 66 days. **Kenneth Branagh**, *Henry V* (1989)
[December 10, 1960 - February 14, 1990]
- 29 years, 113 days. **Claude Lelouch**, *A Man and a Woman* (1966)
[October 30, 1937 - February 20, 1967]
- 29 years, 193 days. **M. Night Shyamalan**, *The Sixth Sense* (1999)
[August 6, 1970 - February 15, 2000]
- 29 years, 281 days. **George Lucas**, *American Graffiti* (1973)
[May 14, 1944 - February 19, 1974]
- 30 years, 88 days. **Benh Zeitlin**, *Beasts of the Southern Wild* (2012)
[October 14, 1982 - January 10, 2013]
- 30 years, 95 days. **Jason Reitman**, *Juno* (2007)
[October 19, 1977 - January 22, 2008]
- 30 years, 116 days. **Spike Jonze**, *Being John Malkovich* (1999)
[October 22, 1969 - February 15, 2000]
- 31 years, 65 days. **Steven Spielberg**, *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* (1977)
[December 18, 1946 - February 21, 1978]

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- 32 years, 260 days. ***Norman Taurog**, *Skippy* (1930/31)
[February 23, 1899 - November 10, 1931]
- 33 years, 228 days. ***Lewis Milestone**, *Two Arabian Knights* (1927/28)
[September 30, 1895 - May 16, 1929]
- 34 years, 238 days. ***Sam Mendes**, *American Beauty* (1999)
[August 1, 1965 - March 26, 2000]
- 35 years, 23 days. ***Frank Borzage**, *7th Heaven* (1927/28)
[April 23, 1894 - May 16, 1929]
- 35 years, 36 days. ***Lewis Milestone**, *All Quiet on the Western Front* (1929/30)
[September 30, 1895 - November 5, 1930]
- 35 years, 313 days. ***Tony Richardson**, *Tom Jones* (1963)
[June 5, 1928 - April 13, 1964]
- 36 years, 1 day. ***Francis Ford Coppola**, *The Godfather Part II* (1974)
[April 7, 1939 - April 8, 1975]
- 36 years, 51 days. ***Delbert Mann**, *Marty* (1955)
[January 30, 1920 - March 21, 1956]
- 36 years, 66 days. ***Kevin Costner**, *Dances With Wolves* (1990)
[January 18, 1955 - March 25, 1991]
- 36 years, 156 days. ***Mike Nichols**, *The Graduate* (1967)
[November 6, 1931 - April 10, 1968]