



## 2026 CATEGORIES

### COUNTRY MUSIC

1. **COUNTRY MUSIC / BEST DOG:** Celebrates the most iconic, beloved, or viral dog associated with a country music artist—because every good song deserves a good dog.

**NOMINATION RECOMMENDATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

2. **COUNTRY MUSIC / BEST COUNTRY SONG:** Honors the song that best captured heart, storytelling, and cultural impact in country music this year. (*Released May 1, 2025 – May 22, 2026*)

**NOMINATION RECOMMENDATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

3. **COUNTRY MUSIC / BEST NEW ARTIST:** Recognizes a breakout artist whose debut impact signals a major future in country music.

**NOMINATION RECOMMENDATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

4. **COUNTRY MUSIC / BEST DUET:** Celebrates the most powerful collaboration between two artists blending voices and stories. (*Released May 1, 2025 – May 22, 2026*)

**NOMINATION RECOMMENDATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

5. **COUNTRY MUSIC / BEST MALE ARTIST:** Honors the male artist with outstanding performance, presence, and audience impact.

**NOMINATION RECOMMENDATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

6. **COUNTRY MUSIC / BEST FEMALE ARTIST:** Recognizes excellence in performance, artistry, and influence by a female country artist.

**NOMINATION RECOMMENDATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

## VETERANS & PHILANTHROPY

7. **VETERAN BUSINESS OWNER:** Celebrates excellence in entrepreneurship by a U.S. military veteran.

*NOMINATION RECOMMENDATION:* \_\_\_\_\_

8. **LEGACY AWARD / ARTISTS VOCATION:** Honors an individual or organization whose life's work brings light into the human heart through art.

*NOMINATION RECOMMENDATION:* \_\_\_\_\_

## BRANSON, MO

9. **BRANSON: BEST RESTAURANT:** Celebrates culinary excellence in Branson.

*NOMINATION RECOMMENDATION:* \_\_\_\_\_

10. **BRANSON: BEST HOTEL:** Honors outstanding hospitality and guest experience in Branson.

*NOMINATION RECOMMENDATION:* \_\_\_\_\_

11. **BRANSON: BEST EXPERIENCE:** Recognizes the most memorable overall visitor experience in Branson.

*NOMINATION RECOMMENDATION:* \_\_\_\_\_

12. **BRANSON: BEST SHOP:** Celebrates retail excellence and unique shopping experiences.

*NOMINATION RECOMMENDATION:* \_\_\_\_\_

13. **BRANSON: BEST OUTDOORS ACTIVITY:** Honors excellence in outdoor recreation and adventure.

*NOMINATION RECOMMENDATION:* \_\_\_\_\_

14. **BRANSON: BEST THEATRE SHOW:** Recognizes the most outstanding live theatrical or music production.

*NOMINATION RECOMMENDATION:* \_\_\_\_\_

15. **BRANSON: BEST SPA OR WELLBEING RETREAT:** Honors restorative experiences focused on wellness and renewal.

*NOMINATION RECOMMENDATION:* \_\_\_\_\_

## OZARKS & BEYOND

16. **OZARKS: BEST RESTAURANT:** Celebrates culinary excellence in the Ozarks.

*NOMINATION RECOMMENDATION:* \_\_\_\_\_

17. **OZARKS: BEST HOTEL:** Honors outstanding hospitality and guest experience in the Ozarks.

*NOMINATION RECOMMENDATION:* \_\_\_\_\_

18. **OZARKS: BEST EXPERIENCE:** Recognizes the most memorable overall visitor experience in the Ozarks.

*NOMINATION RECOMMENDATION:* \_\_\_\_\_

19. **OZARKS BEST SPA OR WELL-BEING RETREAT:** Honors restorative experiences focused on wellness and renewal in the Ozarks.

*NOMINATION RECOMMENDATION:* \_\_\_\_\_

20. **OZARKS & BEYOND: BEST LUXE EXPERIENCE:** Honors the most elevated, premium, and unforgettable luxury experience in the Ozarks & *Beyond*—where design, service, setting, and exclusivity converge.

*NOMINATION RECOMMENDATION:* \_\_\_\_\_

## FASHION & FILM

21. **DESIGNER OF THE YEAR:** Celebrates an exceptional fashion designer whose work defines creativity, innovation, and cultural influence. This award honors outstanding achievement in fashion design—recognizing a signature collection, runway presentation, and/or the ability to elevate fashion into a form of art that inspires, challenges, and shapes contemporary style.

*NOMINATION RECOMMENDATION:* \_\_\_\_\_

22. **BEST FASHION FILM:** Celebrates cinematic storytelling where fashion leads—honoring films that merge design, movement, music, and emotion into a compelling visual narrative.

*NOMINATION RECOMMENDATION:* \_\_\_\_\_

## DESTINATION EXPERIENCES

23. **BEST DESTINATION EXPERIENCE:** Recognizes a Convention & Visitors Bureau that delivers an outstanding destination experience through innovation, hospitality, and strategic tourism development. This award celebrates excellence in promoting a region as a must-visit destination—highlighting impactful marketing, memorable visitor experiences, strong community partnerships, and

the ability to elevate the area’s cultural, economic, and experiential appeal for travelers and event organizers alike.

**NOMINATION RECOMMENDATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**24. AMERICA’S BEST IN BEAUTY & WELLNESS AWARD:** Celebrates excellence in beauty, aesthetics, health, and personal wellbeing across the United States. This award honors outstanding professionals and practices—including cosmetic surgeons, dentists, aesthetic specialists, medical spas, wellness doctors, skincare experts, and holistic wellbeing providers—who are redefining confidence, self-care, and transformational results through innovation, expertise, patient experience, and industry leadership.

**NOMINATION RECOMMENDATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**25. BEST NASHVILLE EXPERIENCE:** Celebrates an exceptional business, venue, or attraction that captures the authentic spirit of Nashville. This award honors a standout experience that showcases the city’s signature blend of music, culture, hospitality, and entertainment—delivering unforgettable moments that reflect why Nashville remains one of the most vibrant and influential destinations in live music and American cultural tourism.

**NOMINATION RECOMMENDATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**26. BEST GULF OF AMERICA DESTINATION EXPERIENCE:** Recognizes a standout destination along the Gulf that delivers an exceptional visitor experience defined by natural beauty, hospitality, and memorable attractions. This award celebrates excellence in showcasing the region’s coastal charm—honoring destinations that elevate travel through immersive experiences, vibrant local culture, outdoor recreation, culinary distinction, and a strong sense of place that keeps visitors returning year after year.

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**27. GULF OF AMERICA CULINARY EXPERIENCE OF THE YEAR:** Celebrates an exceptional restaurant, chef, or culinary concept along the Gulf of America that showcases outstanding flavor, creativity, and regional identity. This award honors diverse dining experiences—from fresh coastal seafood and elevated fine dining to beloved local institutions and innovative culinary destinations—that reflect the richness, culture, and hospitality of the Gulf’s food scene.

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**28. GULF OF AMERICA HOSPITALITY EXPERIENCE OF THE YEAR:** Recognizes a standout hotel, resort, venue, or hospitality destination along the Gulf of America that delivers an exceptional guest experience. This award celebrates excellence in service, atmosphere, and memorable stays—honoring properties and teams that go above and beyond to create welcoming, immersive, and unforgettable experiences that define Gulf Coast hospitality.

**NOMINATION RECOMMENDATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

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# PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD RECOMMENDATION

## Recommender Information

1. Full Name \_\_\_\_\_
2. Email Address \_\_\_\_\_
3. IG Handle \_\_\_\_\_

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