

The Big 5 Comedy Award

Who Can Apply?

The John Brabourne Awards is a scheme set up by the Cinema and Television Benevolent Fund to help new talent break into the film and television industries.

The Big 5 Comedy Award is an award that is funded in part by the UK Film Council. One of the aims of the UK Film Council is to broaden the social, economic and cultural mix of the film industry.

People from under represented groups within the film or television industries are encouraged to apply for the Big 5 Comedy Award. Under-represented groups include, for example, people from ethnic minority groups, people with a disability, women, those who live in the regions as well as some parts of London e.g. Hackney, which is a designated regeneration area.

The CTBF seeks to support those who have experienced financial hardship, long periods of unemployment or long periods of ill health. Interested parties from these backgrounds are also encouraged to apply.

We will also encourage applications from 'transitional talent' i.e. people who have had some experience in writing but have not had the opportunity to work in film before or who have not had a sole credit for their efforts. This could be someone who has written stand-up, radio TV, theatre, novels, advertising or video games.

Writing teams are able to apply and will share any prize money and credits equally.

It is important to remember that the short listing stage we will ask for proof of status based upon your application.

If you would like to discuss your eligibility please call Johanna Crotty at the CTBF on 0207 437 6567