

## Introduction

The Celestia Awards 2024 is committed to ensuring a fair, transparent, and ethical voting process that upholds the integrity of the awards and provides equal opportunities for all nominees. This policy outlines the guidelines, rules, and procedures for the voting process to ensure that all participants and the general public are informed and adhere to the standards set by the Celestia Awards Organizing Committee.

# 1. Voting Platform

Voting for the Celestia Awards 2024 will be conducted exclusively online through the official Celestia Awards website: https://celestiaawards.com/vote. The voting period will begin on **October 6, 2024**, and will close on **October 31, 2024**.

# 2. Eligibility to Vote

- Voting is open to the general public, including fans, industry professionals, and stakeholders of the Liberian Gospel Music Industry.
- Each individual is eligible to vote once per day during the voting period, using a valid email address or any other form of authentication specified on the voting platform.

# 3. Voting Categories

- A maximum of five (5) nominees will be presented in each category, as determined by the Celestia Awards Vetting Committee.
- Voters may cast their votes in all available categories or choose to vote only in specific categories based on their preference.

## 4. Voting Process

- To vote, users must visit the official Celestia Awards website and access the voting page.
- Each voter will be required to register on the platform using their email address or other identification methods as determined by the Organizing Committee.
- Voters can submit one (1) vote per category per day throughout the voting period.
- All votes will be automatically logged and recorded by the platform's system, ensuring a transparent and traceable process.

## 5. Monitoring and Security

- The Organizing Committee will implement security measures to prevent fraudulent voting activities, including but not limited to automated voting bots and duplicate voting using the same email or identification.
- Any voter or nominee found attempting to manipulate or interfere with the voting process, including vote buying, use of automated voting mechanisms, or any other fraudulent activity, will be subject to investigation. Nominees linked to such activities may face **disqualification** from the Celestia Awards 2024.

## 6. Transparency and Fairness

- The Celestia Awards Organizing Committee will ensure that the voting process is conducted transparently, with oversight provided by independent auditors and technical partners who will monitor the voting platform for accuracy and fairness.
- To maintain fairness, no nominee, nominee representative, or affiliate will be allowed access to voting data before the official announcement of winners.



## 7. Conflict of Interest

• Members of the Vetting Committee and the Organizing Committee are prohibited from engaging in any activity that may influence the voting process in favor of specific nominees. All decisions made by the Vetting Committee are final.

# 8. Announcement of Winners

- The winners in each category will be announced during the Celestia Awards Ceremony on **December 14, 2024**, at Harvest Intercontinental Church. All results will remain confidential until the official announcement.
- The nominee with the highest number of valid votes in each category will be declared the winner. In the event of a tie, a re-vote or other method, as determined by the Organizing Committee, will be conducted to break the tie.

# 9. Disqualification

- Any nominee found in violation of the Celestia Awards 2024 Voting Policy will be subject to immediate disqualification from the awards.
- The Organizing Committee reserves the right to investigate and take appropriate action against any voter or nominee attempting to manipulate the voting process.

# 10. Encouragement for Responsible Voting

The Celestia Awards encourages all participants and voters to engage responsibly and adhere to the rules of the voting process. Voters are urged to cast their votes based on merit, supporting their preferred nominees in a manner that upholds the integrity of the awards.

## 11. Dispute Resolution

In the event of any dispute or challenge regarding the voting process, the decision of the Celestia Awards Organizing Committee will be final. Any concerns should be directed to the Organizing Committee at info@celestiaawards.com.

## 12. Reinvestment of Voting Fees (if applicable)

• If the voting process includes any fees or charges, the Organizing Committee will reinvest the proceeds into initiatives that support the growth and development of the Liberian Gospel Music Industry.

## Conclusion

The Celestia Awards 2024 is committed to honoring the excellence of the Liberian Gospel Music Industry. This voting policy has been designed to ensure a transparent, fair, and inclusive process that reflects the voice of the public while maintaining the highest standards of integrity.

For any inquiries or additional information regarding the voting process, please contact the Celestia Awards Organizing Committee at info@celestiaawards.com.