Drake Shatters 32-Year AMA Record for Most Nominations in a Single Year with 13 Nominations

Rihanna Earns Seven Nominations, While Adele and Justin Bieber Tie with Five Nominations Each

2016 Artist of the Year Nominees include Adele, Beyoncé, Justin Bieber, Drake, Selena Gomez, Ariana Grande, Rihanna, Twenty One Pilots, Carrie Underwood and The Weeknd

Los Angeles, CA (October 10, 2016) – The American Music Awards, the world’s biggest fan-voted award show, announced today the “2016 American Music Awards” nominees with recording artists Joe Jonas and Rachel Platten revealing six categories of nominees live on ABC’s “Good Morning America.” Immediately following the broadcast, five additional categories were announced in real time exclusively via Snapchat (TheAMAs). ABC News then livestreamed the remaining 17 categories and included a recap of all nominees in the 11 previously announced categories. (See the full list of nominees below). The “2016 American Music Awards” will broadcast live from the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles on Sunday, November 20 at 8:00pm ET on ABC.

Drake leads with 13 nominations and sets a new AMA record for most nominations in a single year, surpassing Michael Jackson’s previous record of 11 nominations in 1984. Rihanna received seven nominations and Adele and Justin Bieber received five each. Beyoncé and The Chainsmokers each received four nominations. Additionally, Bryson Tiller, Twenty One Pilots, Carrie Underwood, Fetty Wap and The Weeknd earn three nominations each.

The Artist of the Year nominees are Adele, Beyoncé, Justin Bieber, Drake, Selena Gomez, Ariana Grande, Rihanna, Twenty One Pilots, Carrie Underwood and The Weeknd. The ten nominees will be narrowed to five based on the votes received through Monday, November 14 at 8:59:59am PT. Voting for Artist of the Year will close on Thursday, November 17 at 8:59:59pm PT. The winner will be determined by the total votes received throughout the entire voting period.

Nominees for New Artist of the Year Un-leashed by T-Mobile are Alessia Cara, The Chainsmokers, DNCE, Shawn Mendes and Zayn. Voting for this category opens November 2nd.

2016 AMERICAN MUSIC AWARDS TOP NOMINATED ARTISTS CHART FACTS:

- Everything Drake touches turns to chart gold. His most recent album, Views, debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard 200 chart (his sixth No. 1 album) and spent more weeks at No. 1 than any hip-hop album since 1991. The set has accumulated more than 2.5 billion on-demand audio streams for its songs in
the U.S. according to Nielsen Music, including the monster hit “One Dance,” which ruled the Billboard Hot 100 chart for 10 weeks. “One Dance” proved to be so popular, it was crowned Billboard’s Song of the Summer for 2016.

- **Pop superstar Rihanna** started off 2016 with a bang – earning her second No. 1 album on the Billboard 200 with *ANTI*, and topping the Billboard Hot 100 with the set’s lead single, “Work,” featuring Drake. The tune marked Rihanna’s 14th No. 1 single – pushing her ahead of Michael Jackson’s 13 No. 1s. In the nearly 60-year history of the Hot 100, the only acts with more No. 1s are Mariah Carey (with 18) and The Beatles (20). Further, Rihanna followed up “Work” with two more top 10 hits on the Hot 100: her own “Needed Me” and as featured on Calvin Harris’ “This Is What You Came For.”

- **Adele’s** blockbuster third album, 25, exploded on the Billboard 200 chart upon its debut. In its first week on sale in the U.S., it sold a whopping 3.38 million copies: the single largest sales week on record (since Nielsen Music began electronically tracking sales in 1991). So far, the album has spent 10 weeks at No. 1 on the Billboard 200 chart and has sold more than 9 million copies in the U.S. Further, the Recording Industry Association of America certified the album Diamond, indicating 10 million units earned for the set – giving Adele back-to-back Diamond-certified albums, following 21. The 25 album launched three top 20-charting singles on the Billboard Hot 100. Its lead single, “Hello,” ruled the list for 10 weeks, and was followed by “When We Were Young” and the top 10 hit “Send My Love (To Your New Lover).”

- With the release of his 2015 album *Purpose*, already-established pop superstar **Justin Bieber** reached even higher levels of success, landing his first three No. 1 hits on the Billboard Hot 100: “What Do You Mean?,” “Sorry” and “Love Yourself.” The set has sold 1.8 million copies in the U.S., according to Nielsen Music, upping his career total to 12.6 million albums sold. Bieber has placed six No. 1 albums on the Billboard 200 – the last five consecutively dating to 2011.

- Fans have become addicted to **The Chainsmokers**, the duo of Drew Taggart and Andrew Pall, over the past year. The pair earned its first three top 10 singles on the Billboard Hot 100: “Roses” (featuring Rozes), “Don't Let Me Down” (featuring Daya), and the act’s first No. 1, “Closer” (featuring Halsey). All three smashes have also each spent multiple weeks at No. 1 on Billboard’s Hot Dance/Electronic Songs chart.

- **Beyoncé’s Lemonade** album gave the superstar her sixth consecutive No. 1 album on the Billboard 200 chart, while its lead-off track, “Formation,” netted the diva her sweet sixteenth top 10 smash on the Billboard Hot 100. All 12 of the songs on the *Lemonade* album reached the top 40 of the Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs chart, including the top 10 hits “Formation” (No. 6), “Hold Up” (No. 6), “Sorry” (No. 4) and “6 Inch” (No. 10).

- R&B sensation **Bryson Tiller** exploded onto the scene with his debut album, *TRAPSOUL*. The set reached No. 2 on both the Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums chart and the R&B Albums chart. *TRAPSOUL* spawned three top 25 hits on the Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs chart: “Don’t” (No. 4), “Exchange” (No. 8) and “Sorry Not Sorry” (No. 24).

- **Carrie Underwood** won *American Idol* in 2005 and, since hitting Billboard’s charts for the first time that year, has yet to slow down. Her latest album, *Storyteller*, debuted at No. 1 on the Top Country Albums in November 2015, marking her sixth No. 1 on the chart in as many appearances -- no other artist has begun a career with six consecutive No. 1s on the chart. And, with career U.S. album sales of 16.2 million, according to Nielsen Music, she reigns as the best-selling *Idol* alum. She’s also notched 14 No. 1s on Hot Country Songs. With 24 overall Hot Country Songs top 10s, she’s yet to miss the chart’s top 10 with any of her official singles released to country radio.

- The world said, “hey, what’s up, hello” to **Fetty Wap** as his viral single “Trap Queen” ruled pop culture
and shot to No. 2 on the Billboard Hot 100. Follow-up releases “My Way,” featuring Monty (No. 7) and “679” featuring Remy Boyz (No. 4) also ascended to the top 10, and for six straight weeks, Fetty Wap had two songs in the Hot 100’s top 10. The rapper/singer’s self-titled debut album opened at No. 1 on the Billboard 200, and his achievements lifted him to become Billboard’s Top New Artist for 2015.

- **R&B singer The Weeknd** waged a full-fledged pop crossover thanks to his album *Beauty Behind the Madness*. The set debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard 200 and launched two No. 1s on the Billboard Hot 100 chart: “Can’t Feel My Face” and “The Hills.” Furthermore, when the latter song replaced the former atop the Hot 100, The Weeknd became only the 11th artist in the chart’s history to succeed himself at the summit. Meanwhile, the title track for his follow-up album *Starboy*, due out Nov. 25, is off to a fast start. The track, which features Daft Punk, gave The Weeknd his fifth top 10 on the Hot 100 and southern No. 1 on Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs.

- **Twenty One Pilots**, the twosome of Tyler Joseph and Josh Dun, have soared to new heights, landing their first three top five Billboard Hot 100 hits in 2016: "Stressed Out," "Ride" and "Heathens." The first two songs are from the pair’s 2015 album *Blurryface*, which became its first No. 1 on the Billboard 200 upon its debut in June 2015. The set has sold 1.1 million copies in the U.S. since its release, according to Nielsen Music. All three songs have also ruled *Billboard*'s Hot Rock Songs chart for multiple weeks each.

At the American Music Awards, artists will be honored in multiple musical genres. Pop/Rock, Alternative Rock, Country, Rap/Hip-Hop, Soul/R&B, Adult Contemporary, Contemporary Inspirational, Latin, EDM and Soundtrack, are some of the genres alongside the awards for Artist of the Year, New Artist of the Year Un-leashed by T-Mobile and Collaboration of the Year. This year, new categories include Tour of the Year and Video of the Year, while Favorite Song categories in the genres of Pop/Rock, Country, Rap/Hip-Hop and Soul/R&B have been added in lieu of the Song of the Year category.

American Music Awards nominees are based on key fan interactions as reflected in Billboard Magazine and on Billboard.com, including album and digital song sales, radio airplay, streaming, social activity and touring. These measurements are tracked by Billboard and its data partners, including Nielsen Music and Next Big Sound.

The American Music Awards winners are voted entirely by fans. Voting opened today in all categories except New Artist of the Year Un-leashed by T-Mobile, which will open on November 2nd.

Fans can vote for all category once per day, per platform in one or both of the below ways. For New Artist of the Year Un-leashed by T-Mobile, fans can vote 100 times per day, per platform.

- Via [AMAvote.com](http://AMAvote.com)
- Posting a tweet on Twitter that includes the nominee’s Twitter handle, the category name and #AMAs within the post(s).

Preceding the ABC broadcast for the 8th consecutive year will be the “Coca-Cola® Red Carpet LIVE! @ The 2016 AMAs” pre-show. This live show will stream online for fans worldwide on November 20th.

The “2016 American Music Awards” is produced by dick clark productions. Allen Shapiro and Mike Mahan are Executive Producers. Larry Klein, Barry Adelman and Mark Bracco are Producers.

Below please find the full list of nominations for the 2016 American Music Awards®:

**2016 AMERICAN MUSIC AWARDS® NOMINEES:**
ARTIST OF THE YEAR

- Adele
- Beyoncé
- Justin Bieber
- Drake
- Selena Gomez
- Ariana Grande
- Rihanna
- Twenty One Pilots
- Carrie Underwood
- The Weeknd

NEW ARTIST OF THE YEAR UN-LEASHED BY T-MOBILE

- Alessia Cara
- The Chainsmokers
- DNCE
- Shawn Mendes
- ZAYN

COLLABORATION OF THE YEAR

- The Chainsmokers Featuring Daya “Don’t Let Me Down”
- Drake Featuring Wizkid & Kyla “One Dance”
- Fifth Harmony Featuring Ty Dolla $ign “Work From Home”
- Rihanna Featuring Drake “Work”
- Meghan Trainor Featuring John Legend “Like I’m Gonna Lose You”

TOUR OF THE YEAR

- Beyoncé
- Madonna
- Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band

VIDEO OF THE YEAR

- Justin Bieber “Sorry”
- Desiigner “Panda”
- Rihanna Featuring Drake “Work”

FAVORITE MALE ARTIST – POP/ROCK

- Justin Bieber
- Drake
- The Weeknd

FAVORITE FEMALE ARTIST – POP/ROCK

- Adele
- Selena Gomez
- Rihanna

FAVORITE DUO OR GROUP – POP/ROCK

- The Chainsmokers
- DNCE
- Twenty One Pilots
FAVORITE ALBUM – POP/ROCK
• Adele “25”
• Justin Bieber “Purpose”
• Drake “Views”

FAVORITE SONG – POP/ROCK
• Adele “Hello”
• Justin Bieber “Love Yourself”
• Drake Featuring Wizkid & Kyla “One Dance”

FAVORITE MALE ARTIST – COUNTRY
• Luke Bryan
• Thomas Rhett
• Blake Shelton

FAVORITE FEMALE ARTIST – COUNTRY
• Kelsea Ballerini
• Cam
• Carrie Underwood

FAVORITE DUO or GROUP – COUNTRY
• Florida Georgia Line
• Old Dominion
• Zac Brown Band

FAVORITE ALBUM – COUNTRY
• Luke Bryan “Kill the Lights”
• Chris Stapleton “Traveller”
• Carrie Underwood “Storyteller”

FAVORITE SONG – COUNTRY
• Florida Georgia Line “H.O.L.Y.”
• Tim McGraw “Humble And Kind”
• Thomas Rhett “Die A Happy Man”

FAVORITE ARTIST – RAP/HIP-HOP
• Drake
• Fetty Wap
• Future

FAVORITE ALBUM – RAP/HIP-HOP
• Drake “Views”
• Drake & Future “What A Time To Be Alive”
• Fetty Wap “Fetty Wap”

FAVORITE SONG – RAP/HIP-HOP
• Desiigner “Panda”
• Drake “Hotline Bling”
• Fetty Wap “679”

FAVORITE MALE ARTIST – SOUL/R&B
• Chris Brown
• Bryson Tiller
• The Weeknd

FAVORITE FEMALE ARTIST – SOUL/R&B
• Beyoncé
• Janet Jackson
• Rihanna

FAVORITE ALBUM – SOUL/R&B
• Beyoncé “Lemonade”
• Rihanna “Anti”
• Bryson Tiller “T R A P S O U L”

FAVORITE SONG – SOUL/R&B
• Drake Featuring Wizkid & Kyla “One Dance”
• Rihanna Featuring Drake “Work”
• Bryson Tiller “Don’t”

FAVORITE ARTIST - ALTERNATIVE ROCK
• Coldplay
• Twenty One Pilots
• X Ambassadors

FAVORITE ARTIST - ADULT CONTEMPORARY
• Adele
• Rachel Platten
• Meghan Trainor

FAVORITE ARTIST - LATIN
• J Balvin
• Enrique Iglesias
• Nicky Jam

FAVORITE ARTIST - CONTEMPORARY INSPIRATIONAL
• Lauren Daigle
• Hillsong UNITED
• Chris Tomlin

FAVORITE ARTIST - ELECTRONIC DANCE MUSIC (EDM)
• The Chainsmokers
• Calvin Harris
• Major Lazer

TOP SOUNDTRACK
• Purple Rain
• Star Wars: The Force Awakens
• Suicide Squad: The Album

For the latest American Music Awards news, exclusive content and more, be sure to follow the AMAs on social and join the conversation by using the official hashtag for the show, #AMAs.
Cheat tweet: Nominees for the 2016 @AMAs are announced! @Drake, @rihanna, @Adele & @justinbieber lead with most nods: bit.ly/AMAs16Noms #AMAs

Tickets are now on sale at www.axs.com.

About the American Music Awards
The American Music Awards, the world’s biggest fan-voted award show, features performances from today’s hottest artists and presents fan-voted awards in the categories of Pop/Rock, Alternative Rock, Country, Rap/Hip-Hop, Soul/R&B, Adult Contemporary, Contemporary Inspirational, Latin, EDM and Soundtrack, Artist of the Year, New Artist of the Year Un-leashed by T-Mobile, Collaboration of the Year, Tour of The Year and Video of the Year. The American Music Awards pays tribute to today’s most influential and iconic artists. The show is produced by dick clark productions and is seen in more than 200 countries around the world. For more information, visit www.theamas.com, www.dickclark.com or abc.go.com/shows/american-music-awards.

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NOMINATIONS IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER (BY FIRST NAME):

Adele: (5) Artist of the Year; Favorite Female Artist-Pop/Rock; Favorite Album-Pop/Rock; Favorite Song-Pop/Rock; Favorite Artist-Adult Contemporary

Alessia Cara: (1) New Artist of the Year Un-leashed by T-Mobile

Ariana Grande: (1) Artist of the Year

Beyoncé: (4) Artist of the Year; Tour of the Year; Favorite Female Artist-Soul/R&B; Favorite Album-Soul/R&B

Blake Shelton: (1) Favorite Male Artist-Country

Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band: (1) Tour of the Year

Bryson Tiller: (3) Favorite Male Artist-Soul/R&B; Favorite Album-Soul/R&B; Favorite Song-Soul/R&B

Calvin Harris: (1) Favorite Artist-Electronic Dance Music (EDM)

Cam: (1) Favorite Female Artist-Country

Carrie Underwood: (3) Artist of the Year; Favorite Female Artist-Country; Favorite Album-Country

Chris Brown: (1) Favorite Male Artist-Soul/R&B

Chris Stapleton: (1) Favorite Album-Country

Chris Tomlin: (1) Favorite Artist-Contemporary Inspirational

Coldplay: (1) Favorite Artist-Alternative Rock

Daya: (1) Collaboration of the Year

Desiigner: (2) Video of the Year; Favorite Song-Rap/Hip-Hop

DNCE: (2) New Artist of the Year Un-leashed by T-Mobile; Favorite Duo or Group-Pop/Rock

Drake: (13) Artist of the Year; Collaboration of the Year (x2); Video of the Year; Favorite Male Artist-Pop/Rock; Favorite Album-Pop/Rock; Favorite Song-Pop/Rock; Favorite Artist-Rap/Hip-Hop; Favorite Album-Rap/Hip-Hop (x2); Favorite Song-Rap/Hip-Hop; Favorite Song-Soul/R&B (x2)

Enrique Iglesias: (1) Favorite Artist-Latin

Fetty Wap: (3) Favorite Artist-Rap/Hip-Hop; Favorite Album-Rap/Hip-Hop; Favorite Song-Rap/Hip-Hop

Fifth Harmony: (1) Collaboration of the Year

Florida Georgia Line: (2) Favorite Duo or Group-Country; Favorite Song-Country
Future: (2) Favorite Artist-Rap/Hip-Hop; Favorite Album-Rap/Hip-Hop

Hillsong UNITED: (1) Favorite Artist-Contemporary Inspirational

Janet Jackson: (1) Favorite Female Artist-Soul/R&B

J Balvin: (1) Favorite Artist-Latin

John Legend: (1) Collaboration of the Year

Justin Bieber: (5) Artist of the Year; Video of the Year; Favorite Male Artist-Pop/Rock; Favorite Album-Pop/Rock; Favorite Song-Pop/Rock

Kelsea Ballerini: (1) Favorite Female Artist-Country

Kyla: (1) Collaboration of the Year; Favorite Song-Soul/R&B

Lauren Daigle: (1) Favorite Artist-Contemporary Inspirational

Luke Bryan: (2) Favorite Male Artist-Country; Favorite Album-Country

Madonna: (1) Tour of the Year

Major Lazer: (1) Favorite Artist-Electronic Dance Music (EDM)

Meghan Trainor: (2) Collaboration of the Year; Favorite Artist-Adult Contemporary

Nicky Jam: (1) Favorite Artist-Latin

Old Dominion: (1) Favorite Duo or Group-Country

Purple Rain: (1) Top Soundtrack

Rachel Platten: (1) Favorite Artist-Adult Contemporary

Rihanna: (7) Artist of the Year; Collaboration of the Year; Video of the Year; Favorite Female Artist-Pop/Rock; Favorite Female Artist-Soul/R&B; Favorite Album-Soul/R&B; Favorite Song-Soul/R&B

Selena Gomez: (2) Artist of the Year; Favorite Female Artist-Pop/Rock

Shawn Mendes: (1) New Artist of the Year Un-leashed by T-Mobile

Star Wars: The Force Awakens: (1) Top Soundtrack

Suicide Squad: The Album: (1) Top Soundtrack

The Chainsmokers: (4) New Artist of the Year Un-leashed by T-Mobile; Collaboration of the Year; Favorite Duo or Group-Pop/Rock; Favorite Artist-Electronic Dance Music (EDM)

The Weeknd: (3) Artist of the Year; Favorite Male Artist-Pop/Rock; Favorite Male Artist-Soul/R&B

Thomas Rhett: (2) Favorite Male Artist-Country; Favorite Song-Country
Tim McGraw: (1) Favorite Song-Country

Twenty One Pilots: (3) Artist of the Year; Favorite Duo or Group-Pop/Rock; Favorite Artist-Alternative Rock

Ty Dolla $ign: (1) Collaboration of the Year

Wizkid: (2) Collaboration of the Year; Favorite Song-Soul/R&B

X Ambassadors: (1) Favorite Artist-Alternative Rock

Zac Brown Band: (1) Favorite Duo or Group-Country

ZAYN: (1) New Artist of the Year Un-leashed by T-Mobile

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“2016 AMERICAN MUSIC AWARD” NOMINEE STATISTICS

• 2016 NOMINATION FAST FACTS
• RECORD HOLDERS BY CATEGORY
• TOP 10 AMA WINNERS OF ALL TIME (1974–2015)

2016 NOMINATION FAST FACTS:

• This year’s top-nominated artist, Drake, sets a new AMA record for most nominations in a single year with 13 nominations, surpassing Michael Jackson’s previous record of 11 nominations in 1984. If Drake wins in any of his categories, it will be his first AMA win.

• Justin Bieber will match current record holder Taylor Swift for the most Artist of the Year wins (3) if he takes home this year’s award. With 8 past wins and 5 nominations this year, Justin has the chance to become one of the top 10 winners of all-time if he wins in at least 1 of his categories.

• With 9 past wins, Rihanna is one of the top 10 AMA winners of all-time. As the current record holder for the most wins (5) in the Favorite Female Artist – Soul/R&B category, Rihanna will go head-to-head with Beyoncé in the same category for the second consecutive year.

• Beyoncé, a 22-time AMA nominee, is tied with Aretha Franklin and Mariah Carey for the second highest number of awards for Favorite Female Artist – Soul/R&B (4), after current record holder Rihanna who leads with 5 wins in this category. With 6 past wins and 4 nominations this year, Beyoncé has the chance to become one of the top 10 winners of all-time if she wins at least 3 awards.

• Adele is a four-time AMA winner. Nominated for Favorite Artist – Adult Contemporary, Adele will tie with Celine Dion for the most wins in this category if she takes home the award this year.
• Nine-time AMA winner, **Carrie Underwood**, has 3 wins for Favorite Female Artist – Country (2007, 2014, 2015). She will defend her title this year against newcomers Cam and Kelsea Ballerini. Carrie is also a first-time nominee for the top honor, Artist of the Year.

• **The Weeknd**, a two-time AMA winner, is nominated in 3 categories including Artist of the Year, Favorite Male Artist – Pop/Rock and Favorite Male Artist – Soul/R&B, where he will defend his title against Chris Brown and Bryson Tiller.

• **Enrique Iglesias** dominates the Favorite Artist – Latin category with 7 wins, the most of any Latin artist. This will be his 8th win in the category, should he take the award home again this year.

• **The Chainsmokers, DNCE** and **Twenty One Pilots** are all first-time American Music Award nominees. The three will go head-to-head for Favorite Duo or Group – Pop/Rock, while The Chainsmokers and DNCE will also face off for the coveted New Artist of the Year Unleashed by T-Mobile award.

**RECORD HOLDERS BY CATEGORY:**

**ARTIST OF THE YEAR**

• Taylor Swift is the current record holder for most wins in the Artist of the Year category with 3 wins. Justin Bieber currently has 2 wins in this category, and would tie Taylor should he take home this year’s award.

**SONG OF THE YEAR**

• Kenny Rogers is the current record holder for most wins in the Song of the Year category with 5 wins.

*The Song of the Year record holder accounts for all previous single category winners.*

**FAVORITE MALE ARTIST – POP/ROCK**

• Barry Manilow, Eric Clapton, Michael Bolton and Michael Jackson are the current record holders for most wins in the Favorite Male Artist – Pop/Rock category with 3 wins each.

**FAVORITE FEMALE ARTIST – POP/ROCK**

• Olivia Newton John and Whitney Houston are the current record holders for most wins in the Favorite Female Artist – Pop/Rock category with 4 wins each.

**FAVORITE DUO OR GROUP – POP/ROCK**

• Aerosmith and Black Eyed Peas are the current record holders for most wins in the Favorite Duo or Group – Pop/Rock category with 3 wins each.

**FAVORITE ALBUM – POP/ROCK**

• Michael Jackson is the current record holder for most wins in the Favorite Album – Pop/Rock category with 3 wins. If Justin Bieber wins the award this year, he will tie Michael Jackson for most wins in this category.

**FAVORITE MALE ARTIST – COUNTRY**

• Garth Brooks is the current record holder for most wins in the Favorite Male Artist – Country category with 8 wins.

**FAVORITE FEMALE ARTIST – COUNTRY**
• Reba McEntire is the current record holder for most wins in the Favorite Female Artist – Country category with 11 wins.

FAVORITE DUO OR GROUP - COUNTRY
• Alabama is the current record holder for most wins in the Favorite Duo or Group – Country category with 17 wins.

FAVORITE ALBUM - COUNTRY
• Kenny Rogers is the current record holder for most wins in the Favorite Album – Country category with 5 wins. If Carrie Underwood takes the win for this category, she will tie Kenny as the current record holder.

FAVORITE ARTIST – RAP/HIP-HOP
• Nicki Minaj, M.C. Hammer and Eminem are the current record holders for most wins in the Favorite Artist – Rap/Hip-Hop category with 3 wins each.


FAVORITE ALBUM – RAP/HIP-HOP
• Nicki Minaj is the current record holder for most wins in the Favorite Album – Rap/Hip-Hop category with 3 wins.

FAVORITE MALE ARTIST – SOUL/R&B
• Luther Vandross is the current record holder for most wins in the Favorite Male Artist – Soul/R&B category with 7 wins.

FAVORITE FEMALE ARTIST – SOUL/R&B
• Rihanna is the current record holder for most wins in the Favorite Female Artist – Soul/R&B category with 5 wins. Beyoncé and Rihanna will tie for most wins in this category should Beyoncé win this year.

FAVORITE ALBUM – SOUL/R&B
• Michael Jackson is the current record holder for most wins in the Favorite Album – Soul/R&B category with 4 wins.

FAVORITE ARTIST - ALTERNATIVE ROCK
• Linkin Park is the current record holder for most wins in the Favorite Artist – Alternative Rock category with 5 wins.

FAVORITE ARTIST - ADULT CONTEMPORARY
• Celine Dion is the current record holder for most wins in the Favorite Artist – Adult Contemporary category with 4 wins. Adele has the chance to tie Celine at the 2016 AMAs for most wins in this category.

FAVORITE ARTIST - LATIN
• Enrique Iglesias is the current record holder for most wins in the Favorite Artist – Latin category with 7 wins.

FAVORITE ARTIST - CONTEMPORARY INSPIRATIONAL
• Casting Crowns is the current record holder for most wins in the Favorite Artist – Contemporary Inspirational category with 4 wins.

FAVORITE ARTIST – ELECTRONIC DANCE MUSIC (EDM)
• Calvin Harris is the current record holder for most wins in the Favorite Artist – Electronic Dance Music (EDM) category with 2 wins.

**TOP 10 AMA WINNERS OF ALL-TIME (1974–2015):**

1. **Michael Jackson** – 24 wins total, the most AMA wins of any artist in history; Leads the Favorite Album – Pop/Rock category with 3 wins; Leads the Favorite Album – Soul/R&B category with 4 wins; Leads the Favorite Single – Soul/R&B category with 3 wins; Won Artist of the Century in 2002

2. **Alabama** – 23 wins total; Leads the Favorite Duo or Group – Country category with 17 wins, 14 of which are consecutive from 1983-1996

3. **Whitney Houston** – 21 wins total, the most AMA wins of any female artist in history

4. **Kenny Rogers** – 19 wins total; Leads the Favorite Album – Country category with 5 wins and the Favorite Single – Country category, also with 5 wins

   **Taylor Swift** – 19 wins total; Leads the Artist of the Year category with 3 wins; Won Dick Clark Award for Excellence in 2014

5. **Garth Brooks** – 17 wins total; Leads the Favorite Male Artist – Country category with 8 wins, 6 of which are consecutive from 1992-1997; Won Artist of the Decade in 2000

6. **Reba McEntire** – 15 wins total; Leads the Favorite Female Artist – Country category with 11 wins, 9 of which are consecutive from 1988-1996; Reba McEntire and Lionel Richie tie as record holders with 15 wins each

   **Lionel Richie** – 15 wins total; Lionel Richie and Reba McEntire tie as record holders with 15 wins each

7. **Willie Nelson** – 12 wins total; Won the Award of Appreciation: Farm-Aid in 1986 and Award of Merit in 1989

8. **Janet Jackson** – 11 wins total; Won the Award of Merit in 2001; Janet Jackson and Stevie Wonder tie as record holders with 11 wins each

   **Stevie Wonder** – 11 wins total; Won the Award of Merit in 1982; Stevie Wonder and Janet Jackson tie as record holders with 11 wins each

9. **Tim McGraw** – 10 wins total; Tim McGraw and Randy Travis tie as record holders with 10 wins each

   **Randy Travis** – 10 wins total; Randy Travis and Tim McGraw tie as record holders with 10 wins each

10. **Boyz II Men** – 9 wins total; Tied with Gladys Knight & The Pips and Earth, Wind & Fire for most wins (4) in the Favorite Group – Soul/R&B category

   **Mariah Carey** – 9 wins total; Won Award of Achievement in 2000; Tied with Aretha Franklin and Beyoncé for the second highest number of awards for Favorite Female Artist – Soul/R&B (4)

   **Olivia Newton John** – 9 wins total; Won Favorite Female Artist – Pop/Rock for 3 consecutive years (1975, 1976, 1977)
Rihanna – 9 wins total; Won the Icon Award in 2013; Leads the Favorite Female Artist – Soul/R&B category with 5 wins


Luther Vandross – 9 wins total; Current record holder for most wins in the Favorite Male Artist – Soul/R&B category with 7 wins