

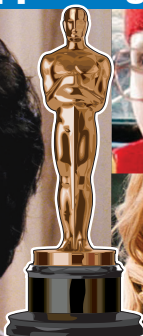
Oscar nominees – Best Supporting Actress



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1 Adriana Barraza: A first Academy Award nomination for her role in ***Babel*** in which she plays a Mexican nanny whose difficulties in communication and understanding complicate life

2 Jennifer Hudson: Plays plump but talented lead singer in a Motown trio who is relegated to a backup role by her manager and lover. A first Oscar nomination for Hudson in ***Dreamgirls***

3 Abigail Breslin: Plays a brightly optimistic girl who dreams of competing in a beauty pageant in ***Little Miss Sunshine***. A first Academy Award nomination for the 10-year-old actress

4 Rinko Kikuchi: Portrays Chieko, an angry, sexually exploring, deaf-mute, haunted by the tragic death of her mother, in ***Babel***. A first Oscar nomination for the Japanese actress

5 Cate Blanchett: In ***Notes On A Scandal*** Blanchett portrays an art teacher whose affair with one of her students leaves her at the mercy of an older colleague. Her third nomination