



**Nominee Name:** Sheryl Lee Ralph

**Category:** Television

**Sponsor:** Chris Kaspers

**Number of Years in Entertainment Industry:** 47

**Other: Duo/ Group or Posthumous:**

**Nominee's Qualifications/ Biography**

Sheryl Lee Ralph has become a staple in the entertainment industry, with an acclaimed career spanning over four decades. She can currently be seen starring on ABC's comedy series Abbott Elementary opposite creator Quinta Brunson. The show earned seven Emmy nominations for its freshman season, including Outstanding Comedy Series, with Sheryl winning Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy. She also starred in 100+ episodes of UPN's trailblazing series "Moesha" opposite Grammy winner Brandy. Sheryl made her feature debut opposite Sidney Poitier at age 19 in "A Piece of the Action." She also earned Best Actress nods for the Tony and Drama Desk Awards for her portrayal of Deena Jones in "Dreamgirls," which she also helped to create.

**Awards & Nominations**

Abbott Elementary (ABC): Best Supporting, Comedy Won: (2022) Primetime Emmy, (2023) Critics Choice, SAG Comedy Ensemble, Nom: (2022) Hollywood Critics Assoc, (2023) Golden Globes, Independent Spirit

**Contributions to the Community**

- \* Second Black Women to win Best Supporting Actress Comedy Emmy
- \* Over 80 TV credits spanning 4 decades.
- \* Founded The D.I.V.A Foundation 1990 for to fight HIV/AIDS, provide education &resources.