



## **Oxfordshire Apprenticeship Awards 2019, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019 Awards Eligibility Criteria**

### **Apprentice Awards (Intermediate/Advanced/Higher & Special Recognition)**

*Celebrating Apprentices who have excelled in their learning and development and made exceptional contributions in their workplaces.*

*The Special Recognition Award is for an Apprentice who has achieved in overcoming significant challenges or barriers to learning or work.*

1. Apprentice must be registered on or have completed an Education & Skills Funding Agency funded and recognised Apprenticeship programme.
2. Apprentice must either live or work in Oxfordshire.
3. Must have completed a minimum of 9 months of their current Apprenticeship by the closing date (i.e. started their Apprenticeship on or before 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018), or have completed a full Apprenticeship no more than 12 months before the closing date (i.e. completed on or after 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018).
4. Apprentice cannot enter a category sponsored by their employer.
5. No age restriction.
6. Entries must be endorsed by the Apprentice's employer and training provider.

### **Shining Star Award**

*Celebrating someone who has made outstanding progress in their career since completing their first Apprenticeship and has the potential to achieve even more.*

1. Entrant must have completed an Education & Skills Funding Agency funded and recognised Apprenticeship programme.
2. Must have completed their first Apprenticeship at least 9 months and no more than 10 years before the closing date (i.e. completed between 19<sup>th</sup> January 2008 and 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018).
3. Can be an Apprentice working towards a further Apprenticeship.
4. Must either live or work in Oxfordshire.
5. Apprentice cannot enter a category sponsored by their employer.
6. No age restriction.
7. All entries must be endorsed by the employer.

### **Apprenticeship Employer of the Year Award (less than 50 employees)**

*Celebrating Apprenticeship employers in Oxfordshire that have exceeded normal standards and expectations in providing a high-quality Apprenticeship experience.*

1. Open to organisations employing less than 50 people (based on total number of employees, not full-time equivalent).
2. Must have management autonomy in Oxfordshire.
3. Must employ Apprentices that work in Oxfordshire.
4. Must have employed Apprentices for at least 12 months before the closing date (i.e. from at least 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018).



5. Must be engaged in Education & Skills Funding Agency / Apprenticeship Levy funded and regulated Apprenticeship schemes, delivered by contracted and approved training providers.
6. All entries must be endorsed by both an existing or recent Apprentice and a training provider.

### **Apprenticeship Employer of the Year Award (50+ employees)**

*Celebrating Apprenticeship employers in Oxfordshire, regardless of sector, that have exceeded normal standards and expectations in providing a high-quality Apprenticeship experience.*

1. Open to organisations employing 50 or more people (based on total number of employees, not full-time equivalent).
2. Must have management autonomy in Oxfordshire.
3. Must employ Apprentices that work in Oxfordshire.
4. Must have employed Apprentices for at least 12 months before the closing date (i.e. from at least 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018).
5. Must be engaged in Education & Skills Funding Agency / Apprenticeship Levy funded and regulated Apprenticeship schemes, delivered by contracted and approved training providers.
6. Entries must be endorsed by an existing or recent Apprentice and a training provider.

### **School Award**

*Celebrating a local secondary school that makes a significant contribution to promoting Apprenticeships to students as a viable and credible post-16 option, as part of a wide ranging and inclusive careers programme.*

1. Will be chosen by The Careers & Enterprise Company from Oxfordshire secondary schools that are engaged in the Enterprise Adviser Network.

### **Apprenticeship Ambassador Award**

*Celebrating the role of one of Oxfordshire's Apprenticeship Ambassadors in promoting Apprenticeships in Oxfordshire and being a positive role model.*

1. Will be chosen by OxLEP from existing Ambassadors or those who have been Ambassadors in the 12 month period leading up to the closing date (i.e. from 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018).

### **Oxfordshire Apprentice of the Year**

*Celebrating the Apprentice who has reached the highest levels of excellence and achievement.*

1. Will be chosen by Awards Committee and Headline Sponsor from the winners of the four **Apprentice Awards** categories.