This award seeks to acknowledge and celebrate an apprentice’s outstanding contributions to their workplace and exceptional progress in both their skills development and studies.

Judges will be looking for a demonstration of hard work and commitment to achieving the best possible results across the apprentice’s chosen framework and outstanding commitment to their own personal development and progression through learning. The candidate should demonstrate inspirational qualities and be a positive role model for vocational qualifications.

Open to entrants that are currently working towards or have completed an apprenticeship during 2014. There are no age restrictions and applicants can be on an intermediate, advanced or higher level apprenticeship programme in any discipline, but must be employed by a manufacturer.

Candidates should provide evidence that the key skills’ targets and requirements of the apprenticeship framework have been met or assured of being met in the immediate future.

Judges will award points for each of the adjacent criteria based on a rating scale of 1 to 10, where 10 is measured as exceptional.

If any criterion is not addressed, a standard score of 1 will be awarded. If the criterion is addressed, a minimum of 2 or more will be awarded based on how well the application meets the stated criterion.

1: Commitment to learning: Does the candidate demonstrate a strong work ethic and dedication to achieving their potential in all areas of their apprenticeship framework? Has the entry gone above and beyond to seek out knowledge and enhance their capabilities?

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2: Role model for vocational qualifications: Is the candidate a proactive ambassador for apprenticeships? Is there strong evidence of their ability to inspire not only other young people, but employers, teachers and parents with a belief in the value of apprenticeship training?

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3: Significance of the apprentice to their employer: Has the candidate made a sizeable and positive impact on their employer’s business? For example, has the apprentice achieved significant savings for the company, improved processes, driven innovation in the company or developed capability in previously under resourced areas of the business?

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4: Understanding of the business: Does the candidate demonstrate a keen understanding of their employer’s business strategy, objectives and a will to contribute to these in a meaningful way?

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5: Enthusiasm and motivation: Does the candidate demonstrate an enthusiasm and passion for their work and the manufacturing industry?

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Deadline for entries: 
Thursday 31st July 2014

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