Hello! We are delighted you’ve taken the first step to enter the Shining Star Award. There are a few questions to complete, which shouldn’t take too long and it’s well worth the effort!

The Shining Star Award is open to former apprentices of all ages, from Level 2 and above, who are living or working in Oxfordshire. To enter the awards, you must have:

1. completed a recognised apprenticeship at least 9 months before the closing date of 19th February 2024 (you can be a current apprentice working towards another apprenticeship)

OR

1. completed your first apprenticeship no more than 10 years ago (completed between 20th February 2014 and 18th May 2023)

This is your opportunity to tell us why you deserve to win this award, so please provide as much detail as you can. Where possible, please include evidence and give examples to illustrate your answers.

We require a short statement from your current employer to support your entry. If your employer is sponsoring an award category, please speak with them before completing this form.

If you’re not sure whether you are eligible to enter, please contact us at [skills@oxfordshirelep.com](mailto:skills@oxfordshirelep.com) for advice.

1. **About you**

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| Name |  |
| Preferred pronouns |  |
| Job role |  |
| Employer |  |
| Contact number |  |
| Email address |  |

1. **About your apprenticeship**

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| Job title |  |
| Apprenticeship |  |
| Apprenticeship employer |  |
| Date started |  |
| Date finished |  |

1. **Tell us about your career so far, including your current role and how you have progressed from your apprenticeship to where you are now** *max. 200 words*

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1. **Tell us about a) your most significant achievements, both as an apprentice and since completing your apprenticeship, b) your proudest moments and c) how you have gone the extra mile** *max. 250 words*

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1. **What are your plans and goals for the future and how will having completed an apprenticeship help you to achieve them?** *max. 150 words*

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1. **What would you say to anyone who is thinking about starting an apprenticeship?** *max. 150 words*

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1. **What ideas do you have about how you could work with OxLEP to promote and champion apprenticeships if you win?** *max. 150 words*

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**Employer statement (e.g. from manager, team leader)** *max. 200 words*

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| Name |  |
| Relationship to entrant |  |

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| **Tell us why this person deserves to win:** |

**Entries must be completed in full and submitted by email to** [**skills@oxfordshirelep.com**](mailto:skills@oxfordshirelep.com) **by MIDNIGHT on the evening of Monday 19th February 2024.**

**Please note:** the information you provide will be used for the process of judging the Oxfordshire Apprenticeship Awards and to contact you in connection with the awards.

If you are chosen as a finalist, details of your story may be shared at the awards ceremony. All data sent to us is subject to the Oxfordshire Apprenticeship Awards Privacy Policy, which is accessible at <https://oxlepskills.co.uk/oaawards>