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

This category is open to 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 minimum of 9 months of a recognised apprenticeship by the closing date of 24th February 2025

OR

1. completed a full apprenticeship no more than 12 months ago (i.e. completed between 25th January 2024 to 23rd February 2025)

The Special Recognition Award is not necessarily for an apprentice with the best results or most achievements but for someone who has overcome significant difficulties and/or made exceptional progress with learning or work.

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 employer and training provider 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 for advice.

1. **About you**

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| Name |  |
| Preferred pronouns |  |
| Contact number |  |
| Email address |  |

1. **About your apprenticeship**

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| Job title |  |
| Apprenticeship  |  |
| Date started |  |
| Date finished(if applicable) |  |

1. **About your employer**

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| Company name |  |
| Contact name |  |
| Job role |  |
| Relationship to you |  |
| Address |  |
| Contact number |  |
| Email address |  |

1. **About your training provider**

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| Company name |  |
| Contact name |  |
| Job role |  |
| Relationship to you |  |
| Email address |  |

1. **Tell us about your job role, including your main responsibilities and workplace duties** *max. 200 words*

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1. **Tell us about: a) your most significant achievements as an apprentice, including any challenges or barriers you have faced to work or learning and how you overcame these b) your proudest moments and c) how you have gone the extra mile** *max. 250 words*

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1. **How do you feel you have developed as an apprentice, both in terms of your professional skills but also personally, as a result of your apprenticeship** *max. 200 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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**Supporting statements**

1. **Your employer** *max. 200 words*

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| Name |  |
| Job title |  |
| Relationship to apprentice |  |

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

 **2. Your training provider** *max. 200 words*

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| Name |  |
| Job title |  |
| Relationship to apprentice |  |
| What apprenticeship are they doing? |  |
| What level is their apprenticeship? (e.g. 2, 3, 4) |  |

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

**Entries must be completed in full and submitted by email to** **skills@oxfordshirelep.com** **by MIDNIGHT on the evening of Monday 24th February 2025.**

**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 available at <https://oxlepskills.co.uk/oaawards>