Eligibility criteria

You can nominate a school / college / training provider / teacher / tutor / learner or apprentice for any award, taking into account the overall requirements for each category, as outlined below.

1. Teacher / Tutor of the year

Recognises teachers / tutors who have gone over and above to support their learner or apprentices. This could be anything from supporting a learner or apprentice facing difficult circumstances to ensure they can continue with their studies and achieve, helping their learner or apprentices to overcome obstacles to flourish and surpass expectations, or delivering innovative and high quality teaching that resonates.

2. Centre of the year

Recognises a school / college / training provider that has gone over and above to help their learner or apprentices. This could include initiatives to support learner or apprentices, introducing programmes or processes to support learner or apprentice outcomes, or increasing additional support to ensure success.

3. Learner of the year

Recognises an exceptional learner for their work, either within their programme of study or in relation to a particular project related to their studies. This may include high performance or achievement rates, innovative ways of presenting work, going the extra mile, conducting voluntary work alongside their studies, or using what they've learned during their qualification to create an opportunity for themselves to strengthen their record of achievement.

4. Apprentice of the year

Recognises an exceptional apprentice for their work, within their apprenticeship in the workplace or related to their studies. This may include high performance, innovative approaches to their work, going the extra mile, or using what they've learned during their apprenticeship to create an opportunity for themselves to strengthen their achievements.

5. Against all odds

Recognises learner or apprentices who have overcome difficult personal circumstances to achieve success. This may include overcoming personal challenges (physical, emotional, financial – for example), or caring for others whilst studying and still going on to achieve.

When making nominations, you may be expected to submit examples of evidence to support an applications, to allow sufficient judging to take place.

Nominators are responsible for ensuring that any personal data that is contained within the evidence must abide by the General Data Protection Regulation requirements.

Nominations must relate to the 2020-21 or 2021-22 academic session, ie, a learner or apprentice must have been studying an NCFE or CACHE qualification during the 2020-21 session or currently studying in the 2021-22 academic session. A school / college / training provider nomination must relate to initiatives or work carried out during the above academic sessions.

- Nominations are relevant for UK schools / colleges / training providers / learner or apprentices / teachers / tutors only.
- Learner must be registered on the NCFE portal, centres must be NCFE / CACHE approved.
- Apprentices must be completing an apprenticeship with NCFE as the end-point assessment organisation.
- You must agree to the terms and conditions before submitting an entry.



Definitions

- 1. The "nominator" refers to the school / college / training provider / associated persons submitting the nomination, in line with the eligibility criteria.
- 2. The "nominee" is the school / college / training provider / learner or apprentice who is being nominated in line with the eligibility criteria with their full knowledge of the nomination taking place, and, if under 18 years old, with the full knowledge their parent(s) or guardian(s).

The awards

- 3. These rules shall be binding upon submitting a nomination for The Aspiration Awards 2022 (the "Awards").
- 4. The Awards are promoted by NCFE, with registered office at NCFE, Q6, Quorum Business Park, Benton Lane, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE12 8BT. Registered Charity 1034808 Company No. 02896700 ("NCFE").
- 5. Enquiries relating to the Awards should be addressed to "NCFE Aspiration Awards" using the above address or by emailing marketing@ncfe.org.uk.

Eligibility

- 6. The Aspiration Awards are open to nominators who are eligible to make a nomination in accordance with the eligibility criteria outlined.
- 7. List of eligible qualifications for learner of the year includes all regulated NCFE and CACHE qualifications as well as unregulated courses, developed under our Accreditation Services. Qualifications can be found on our website.
- 8. Employees or contractors of NCFE or their families or anyone connected to the Awards are not eligible to be nominated for an award.



9. Only one nomination per nominee for Learner or apprentice of the Year is permitted. Automated entries will be invalidated. If multiple entries are received for a learner or apprentice, the first entry received by time and date will be accepted. A learner or apprentice cannot nominate themselves for an award.

Permission for under 18s for participation

- 10. It is the nominator's responsibly to ensure that they have obtained written permission from the nominee, including from parents or legal guardians for nominees under the age of 18, before their name and address and that of their school is forwarded to NCFE to be considered for an award.
- 11. NCFE will require written consent from nominees/winners and/or from their parents or legal guardians, depending on the age of the nominee/winner if they wish to give NCFE permission to use their own or their child's personal information for publicity purposes. Details of the way in which NCFE may use personal information for these purposes, the consent mechanism and the right to withdraw consent, will be clearly set out in the appropriate consent form which will be issued to the nominees/winners.

Data protection

- 12. Each nominator agrees to indemnify NCFE from and against any claims or liability under all applicable data protection and privacy legislation in force from time to time in the UK including Data Protection Act 2018 (and regulations made thereunder) the retained EU law version of the General Data Protection Regulation ((EU) 2016/679) (UK GDPR) and the Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations 2003 (SI 2003/2426) as amended, arising from the supply to NCFE by that nominator of any third party personal data made without such knowledge, consent and co-operation.
- 13. Proof of completing an online entry, is not proof of our receipt of your nomination. NCFE is not responsible for nominations that are lost, delayed or damaged or for problems with nominations outside its control.



- 14. Each nominator agrees to indemnify NCFE from and against any and all liability arising from their nomination infringing any third party intellectual property rights (including without limitation copyright) being defamatory, libellous, or otherwise unlawful. All material submitted as part of any nomination and the copyright in such material shall become the property of NCFE. No nomination or supporting material will be returned.
- 15. We will keep the personal details of all nominees for five (5) years and in line within the parameters set out in the UK GDPR so that we can send them any prize that they have won, to verify that these rules have been complied with and for auditing purposes.

Judging

- 16. The panel of judges will comprise of employee(s) of NCFE, journalists and where possible, partners and stakeholders of NCFE. The judge's decision is final.
- 17. NCFE reserves the right to request further information and evidence supporting a nomination.
- 18. All nominations must be received by midnight (GMT) Friday 1 April 2022 (the 'Closing Date'). All eligible nominations received by the Closing Date have an equal chance of winning. Nominations not submitted in accordance with these terms and conditions, the eligibility criteria or incomplete or illegible entries will be disqualified.
- 19. Winners will be contacted by NCFE week commencing 16 May 2022.

The prizes

- 20. The 2022 Aspiration Awards winners will receive prizes as set out below:
- a. A prize worth up to the value of £250 and a paper certificate
- b. Any commendations by the judges will receive a prize up to the value of 100 and a paper certificate.
- c. There is no cash alternative and the prizes are non-transferable.



Safeguarding

- 21. NCFE accepts no responsibility for any damage, loss, liabilities, injury or disappointment incurred or suffered by you as a result of entering the competition or accepting the prize.
- 22. NCFE shall not be liable for any damage, loss or disappointment suffered by any person taking part or not being able to take part in the Awards.
- 23. NCFE further disclaims liability for any injury or damage to you or any other person's computer relating to or resulting from participating in the competition.
- 24. Nothing in these Terms and Conditions shall exclude the liability of NCFE for death, personal injury, fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation as a result of its negligence.
- 25. By submitting a nomination you confirm that you have read and agree to these terms and conditions.
- 26. These rules are governed by the laws of England and Wales.
- 27. In the event of unforeseen circumstances NCFE reserves the right to alter, amend or foreclose the Awards (including changing any award category) without prior notice.
- 28. NCFE reserves the right to amend these rules at any time. By submitting a nomination all nominators will be deemed to have accepted and be bound by the rules and by any other requirements set out in the Awards material.
- 29. NCFE reserves the right to request further information and evidence supporting a nomination.

