

Guidance Notes

Introduction

In recognition of the hard work, dedication and achievement of individual learners, Ascentis invites approved centres to nominate learners for the **Outstanding Ascentis Learner of the Year Award**.

This award recognises a learner whose commitment to qualifications and assessment has created clear, positive impact beyond their own learning journey. Judges are looking for evidence of influence, advocacy and practical action — for example, how the nominee has encouraged others, raised awareness, or strengthened engagement with qualifications and assessment within their setting, sector or community.

The learner must have achieved an Ofqual, CCEA or Qualifications Wales regulated qualification with Ascentis from the 1st August 2025 onwards, or be on track to achieve one by 31st August 2026.

Please tell us why the learner deserves to win the award.

Criteria

The nominee should demonstrate the following:

- **Commitment to learning and qualifications** – Demonstrates a strong personal commitment to qualifications, assessment, and lifelong learning, including advocating the value and benefits of qualifications.
- **Encouraging and inspiring others** – Supports and motivates peers, colleagues, or the wider community to engage with qualifications and assessment opportunities.
- **Demonstrable impact** – Provides evidence of how their advocacy and efforts have increased awareness, participation, or engagement with qualifications and assessment.

You may wish to include the following in your nomination:

- **Information about the learner's qualifications** – Details of the qualification(s) undertaken and examples of how the learner has applied their learning in practice.
- **Feedback or testimonials** – Comments from training providers, employers, tutors, colleagues, or peers that demonstrate the learner's commitment to learning and promotion of the value of qualifications and assessment.
- **Articles, blogs, or social media activity** – Examples of how the learner has used media or online platforms to advocate for qualifications, assessment, or lifelong learning.

Please note: If a learner meets these criteria and they are studying an Access to HE Diploma, please refer to the Ascentis Excellence Awards.

Each Centre can nominate up to five learners.



Submitting Nominations

Nominations can be submitted via the Ascentis website [here](#) by Friday 29th May 2026. Learners must confirm their consent prior to the nomination being submitted.

Judging of Nominations

All nominations will be anonymised before being considered by a panel of judges. Prize winners will be selected solely on the information and statements provided within the nomination.

Prize winners and runners-up will be contacted by email through the nominating tutor. Once winners have been notified, the final results will be shared with all centres that submitted nominations.

Prizes

- All valid nominations will receive a Certificate of Recognition.
- The overall winner will receive a cheque for **£400**.
- The runner-up will receive a cheque for **£200**.

Ascentis staff will endeavour to present the prizes at a time and venue to be agreed with the Centre.

For further information or support relating to the awards, please contact marketing@ascentis.co.uk.