



Apprentice of the Year

Stage 2 Judging Date: **Wednesday 16th September 2026, 09:00-18:00 at Eco-Power Stadium**

Eligibility

- This award is open to businesses of any type who hire apprentices.
- Only businesses with a DN postcode OR Doncaster Chamber members can apply.

Criteria

- Financials must be completed for your entry to be put forward for stage 1 judging. Should there be any discrepancies in your financials please ensure to explain in your answer.
- Entries must have a Doncaster focus in particularly references your business has had on the area or community.
- Eligible candidates should either be an active apprentice or have finished their apprenticeships within the the last 12 months of entry
- All completed entry forms must be submitted by Sunday 7th June 2026
- Stage 2 judging will take place on Wednesday 16th September 2026 at Eco-Power Stadium between 09:00-18:00. Please ensure to block this out in your diary should you progress to this stage. This cannot be moved.
- Maximum of 3 categories per company can be entered.
- Word count must be adhered to avoid disqualification.

Questions & Guidance

You will be scored against these questions. (Max 400 words per question)

1. Explain the vision and performance of the business/organisation, including financial performance.
2. Detail how the apprentice demonstrated a commitment to learning, was a good role model and an ambassador for apprenticeships.
3. Detail how the apprentice demonstrated their commitment to the business, integrating with the team, lived up to company values and become an invaluable member of the team.
4. Detail how the apprentice has developed over time and embraced opportunities to learn new skills. Provide examples of them taking the initiative to build upon their knowledge, how receptive they are to new challenges, and how far they have come since first starting in your business.
5. Explain what attributes the apprentice possesses that will enable them to achieve success in their chosen profession. Provide examples of what their future prospects look like, where you see them in 5 years' time.
6. Explain how the apprentice has contributed positively beyond their own role. This could include mentoring peers, supporting colleagues, improving processes, engaging in community or industry initiatives, or helping to promote the apprenticeship programme.

Apply here

This will open a Google Form.

Please do not rely on the form to auto-save your submission. We suggest writing your submission externally and pasting into the form.

If you have any questions, please email: awards@doncaster-chamber.co.uk

Non-member fee: £100 +VAT