

The North West's Best Aerospace & Defence Apprentice Awards 2018:

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These awards recognise the achievements made by apprentices working in aerospace in the North West Aerospace Industry.

The competition is open to all final year and HNC apprentices working in aerospace or defence in the North West. The closing date for nominations is [Friday 2nd November 2018.](#)

The judges will be looking for to award prizes for:

Over Winner – Best NW Aerospace & Defence Apprentice

Winner – Aerospace Engineering Technician*

Winner – Aerospace Engineer

Innovation Award

One to Watch Award

All candidates will be invited for a 45 minute interview with the judging panel at the NWAA office in Preston during January 2019.

During this interview the candidates will be asked to present a project that demonstrates the development of their engineering skills during their apprenticeship. Candidates are asked to bring any relevant test pieces as supporting evidence. The presentation is to assess;

- Engineering Skills
- Health & Safety
- Quality Awareness
- Project Management
- Application of Materials
- Processes
- Problem Solving
- Use and interpretation of engineering data

N.B: The project content must be information that can be delivered outside the candidate's normal working environment. Candidates will potentially receive a better score if they can present one project which hits all the scoring criteria rather than discussing a few.

Presentations** must be delivered by each individual. If 2 apprentices have worked on the same project, they must present separately.

In addition to this project presentation, candidates will also be assessed on;

- Academic Achievement – (grade achievement and performance improvement)
- Business Awareness
- Answering a pre seen question
- Verbal Communication

For each candidate wishing to be considered, please complete the 'Best Apprentice Candidate Nomination Form' and send to catherine.toon@aerospace.co.uk by **2nd November 2018**. Please note in addition to the nomination from you are also required to submit an employer's letter of support on letter headed paper and signed, detailing in a maximum of 300 words the reasons why you believe this candidate should be awarded the title of The North West's Best Aerospace & Defence Apprentice 2018.

** The Aerospace Engineering Technician is in-line with the Engineering Level 3 apprenticeship standard, known traditionally as a Craft Apprentice. The interview and scoring criteria will align with the competence and commitment standards for Engineering Technician and Incorporated Engineer as appropriate.*
<http://semta.org.uk/trailblazer-standards>

***The presentation will only be used during the interview and not shared with any other organisation.*

Employer and Training Provider Prize

A prize will also be awarded to the employer or training provider that takes the best approach to marketing, administration and preparation of candidates for this award.

Employers or Training providers wishing to be considered for the prize need to complete the 'Employer & Training Provider Prize nomination form' and send to catherine.toon@aerospace.co.uk by **2nd November 2018**.

N.B. Please note, providers who do not complete this form will not be considered for the Employer and Training Provider Prize.

For more information on the New Talent Awards please contact:

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