This award category celebrates learners’ contribution to their workplace, where this has exceeded expectations and resulted in measurable benefits to their organisation. They must have shown a real contribution to the business they work for, for example, introducing a new idea or initiative, improving procedures and systems within the organisation, or for their involvement in the development of a product or special project.

The winner of this Award will receive a prize to the value of approximately £750. Other finalists in this category will receive a prize to the value of approximately £200.

Learners nominated for this category should be working towards, or have completed a NVQ Level 2 or above.
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Entering the Awards
Please read the guidance notes under each section when considering your responses. These will help you by indicating the nature and depth of information that is required.

It is recommended that the form is completed by the employer/provider in liaison with the Learner. The application must be endorsed by the learner in Section 4 and by the provider or employer in Section 3.

Please complete all sections clearly. Please type your nomination onto the downloadable form which is available on the NES website – nes.lsc.gov.uk

The last date for receipt of entries is 25 January 2008. Entries received after this date will not be considered.

Please email all completed forms to Nicci Garlick at:

nicci@learnersfirstawards.com

Please refer all enquiries to Nicci by email or on 020 7802 5340.

The organisers cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage of any entry. All nomination forms will be acknowledged within 7 working days. Incomplete nomination forms will not be considered. All entries will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

Selecting the Winners
The judging panels will be looking for applicants who are able to demonstrate the following:

1 Commitment to their own personal development and progression through learning
2 Achievement and attainment in learning and/or work
3 The ability to overcome obstacles and barriers in learning or at work
4 Inspirational qualities in the learners

It is important that all questions are answered as fully as possible to provide the judges with sufficient detail to make their decisions.

The judges’ decision will be final and no correspondence or discussion will be entered into regarding the selection of winners.