



SPOA APPRENTICESHIP AWARDS 2026/27

APPLICATION FORM



Celebrating the next generation of plant professionals.
Open to all SPOA members with apprentices undertaking apprenticeships
through CITB colleges or private training providers.

The SPOA Apprenticeship Awards are open to apprentices employed by an SPOA member company and currently or have successfully completed their recognised apprenticeship in a relevant plant occupation within the last 12 months preceding the application closing date.

AWARD CATEGORIES

☐ PLANT OPERATOR OF THE YEAR

Recognising an outstanding apprentice plant operator.

☐ PLANT MECHANIC OF THE YEAR

Recognising an outstanding apprentice plant mechanic.

Please complete a separate application for each apprentice.

1. APPRENTICE DETAILS

Full name:		Date of birth:	
Apprenticeship discipline:		Award category:	
College/Training provider:		Year / stage:	
Apprenticeship start date:		Expected completion:	

2. EMPLOYER / SPOA MEMBER/NOMINATOR DETAILS

Member company name:		Nominator full name:	
Nominator Job title:		Nominator email address:	
Nominator phone number:		Relationship to apprentice:	

3. SUPPORTING STATEMENT

Please explain why this apprentice deserves to receive the award (maximum 500 words). You may wish to cover their commitment, attitude, practical skills, progress, initiative, safety awareness, teamwork, contribution to the business and how they have gone above and beyond in their role.

4. SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

Applicants may submit up to three supporting items, for example: a trainer/lecturer reference, supervisor feedback, certificates, photographs of work, competition results or other evidence of achievement.

1.	
2.	
3.	



KEY DATES

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Monday 30th November 2026

WINNER ANNOUNCED:

SPOA Annual Dinner

5h February 2027

5. TRAINING PROVIDER ENDORSEMENT

Where possible, please ask the apprentice's training provider, lecturer or assessor to provide a short endorsement.

Name:		Organisation:	
Role:		Email / phone:	
Signature:		Date:	

6. DECLARATION

I confirm that the information provided in this application is accurate and that the apprentice has agreed to be nominated for an SPOA Apprenticeship Award.

Nominator signature:

Date:

Apprentice signature:

Date:

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Return the completed form and supporting evidence to the SPOA office.

Application deadline: 30th November 2026

Email: vicky.park@spoa.org.uk

AWARD PRESENTATION

Winners will be recognised at the SPOA Annual Dinner.

QUESTIONS?

Contact the SPOA office: 01786 230 900

FOR SPOA USE ONLY

Application reference:

Date received:

Eligibility checked by:

Shortlisted:

☐ Yes ☐ No

Panel score / outcome:

Notes: