The Outstanding Achievers Awards showcase the dedication and hard work that is taking place across the entire industry; from the skilled professionals and managers that are leading teams to success, to the learners who are beginning their careers. They also recognise the centres whose passion, dedication and high quality training provision is helping candidates to achieve the very best.

It is easy to enter and the status of being a winner – or a finalist – can be extremely beneficial to your career. They can also enhance the profile of your organisation on a local and national level.

The Outstanding Achievers Awards celebrate the achievements of learners, accredited individuals and automotive professionals within the UK retail motor industry. Held by The Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI), these awards are dedicated to recognising excellence.
This prestigious event, attended by HRH Prince Michael of Kent, will be held at IMI, Fanshaws, Hertfordshire on 18th October 2018.

Winners and finalists will be invited to a champagne reception followed by a buffet lunch and awards ceremony.
“The Outstanding Achievement Awards acknowledge the definitive, achievement of students studying for IMI Qualifications and the training taking place in IMI Approved Centres. This event is about celebration and accomplishment. So, what you have done to come this far should be reason enough to be proud, just as much as the actual receiving of an award.”

Steve Nash FIMI
IMI Chief Executive Officer
Outstanding Achievers Awards 2017
AWARDS FOR 2018 WILL BE PRESENTED IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

INDIVIDUALS - QUALIFICATIONS

Outstanding Technical Student of the Year

The Outstanding Technical Student award is open to students registered with IMI on any national qualification. Recognising different technical disciplines, there are eight awards in this category:

- Light Vehicle
- Fast-Fit
- Heavy Vehicle
- Motorcycle
- Paint
- Land-based
- Body Repair
- Bus and Coach

Centres can put forward a maximum of two candidates for each category, but please ensure that evidence is provided to support every application. Please only complete one nomination form per candidate.

Outstanding Non-Technical Student of the Year

For candidates who are registered with IMI on any non-technical qualification, i.e. business administration, customer service, sales or parts.

Young Student of the Year (14-16s)

The motor industry is one of the most dynamic, exciting, challenging and important sectors of the UK economy, which needs highly capable young people to join it. This award is presented to the most outstanding student, age 14-16, registered on an IMI qualification.
INDIVIDUALS - ACCREDITATIONS

Outstanding Technical Student of the Year

The Outstanding Accredited Professional of the Year award is open to all current IMI Accreditation achievers. This award recognises the skills, competence and abilities of accredited professionals in two award categories:

- Technical
- Customer Experience
  (Customer Service / Sales – non-management)

See the next section for information on how to nominate yourself for this award. Please provide sufficient evidence to support your application.

INDIVIDUALS IN MANAGEMENT ROLES

Outstanding Management Award

Outstanding Management is viewed as a fundamental part of a successful business. This category is open to those in management roles within the industry who have invested in their professional development through CPD, IMI Accreditation for Managers, or by studying an IMI Awards automotive management qualification.

For assessors who wish to nominate an IMI management candidate, please pass the nomination form on to your student. When they have filled in the form and returned it to you, simply complete the reference section and return to the IMI as per the normal process.
“The Outstanding Achievers Awards showcase the dedication and hard work that is taking place across the entire industry; from the skilled professionals and managers that are leading the teams to success, to the learners who are beginning their careers. Whatever brings you to this ceremony, I hope you recognise what has been achieved through your hard work, dedication and a true passion that represents the very best this industry has to offer.”

Prince Michael of Kent GCVO FIMI
IMI Patron
Outstanding Achievers Awards 2017
Approved Centre of the Year

This is the premier award for all IMI approved centres. It demonstrates to your staff, students, their employers and local businesses that your organisation is committed to the highest standards of training excellence.

There are two Centre of the Year categories. By dividing the awards into two categories, centres who submit nominations do so knowing that judging will be carried out using a weighted score card based on their operation type. You can view this criteria on the next page.

The two categories are:

Approved Centre of the Year
- Colleges/training providers offering multiple qualifications/accreditations
- Managing agents
- Manufacturers

Specialist Approved Centre of the Year
- Schools
- Specialised accreditation
- Quality Assured Programmes
- Prisons/young offender facilities
- Charities/not-for-profit organisations
APPROVED CENTRE OF THE YEAR - THE CRITERIA

The judges will be looking for evidence of achievement in such areas as:

- Overall performance at the centre in terms of completion rates for IMI candidates
- Centre initiatives to enhance learning experience
- Use of facilities/range of qualifications offered
- Improvements/initiatives in quality procedures
- Industry activity/CPD
- Automotive-specific extra curricular activity/ other information

We will also be considering internal factors that will have weighted scores over the following criteria:

- External Quality Assurer and support staff feedback
- Quality criteria
- Credit history
- Exclusivity

If you feel you have other supporting evidence, please include this with your nomination form. We ask that information is based on the last 12 months’ performance.
Whether you are an assessor nominating your centre and candidates, or an individual entering for a chance to win the accreditation or management award, the process couldn’t be easier!

### HOW TO ENTER

**Option 1: Online**
1. Go to [www.theimi.org.uk/OAA](http://www.theimi.org.uk/OAA)
2. Fill in the form for your selected category
3. Click the ‘submit’ button

**Option 2: Email**
1. Go to [www.theimi.org.uk/OAA](http://www.theimi.org.uk/OAA)
2. Download the form for your selected category
3. Fill in and save the file as individual/centre name
4. Send completed form to: jennit@theimi.org.uk

**Option 3: Post**
1. Go to [www.theimi.org.uk/OAA](http://www.theimi.org.uk/OAA)
2. Download the form for your selected category
3. Print, fill in and return to: OAA 2018, Fanshaws, Brickendon, Hertford SG13 9PQ

When completing the form, please provide the judges with all the relevant details as this will form the basis of the scoring. If more details are required, the judges may contact the individual or centre for more information – therefore please ensure correct contact details are provided. **The closing date for entries is Friday 29th June.**
The process
After the closing date (29th June 2018), a shortlist of finalists will be selected and a roving judge will then interview all finalists.

The winners will be selected by a final judging panel and presented with their awards and prizes at the ceremony on 18th October 2018.

Contact Details
For more information or to download and submit nomination forms, please go to www.theimi.org.uk/OAA

You can also contact the IMI Events Manager:
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