### **Outstanding Commitment to Study Nomination Form**

### **Please complete one form per learner nominated**

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| Learner name: |
| Access to HE Diploma studied: |

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| College/Centre: |
| Tutor Name & Email: |

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| Supporting Statement from Centre.Please provide enough detail and explanation to enable panel of judges to assess the nomination. |
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**Approval and Publicity Permission**

Please ensure applications include a supporting statement and that you have consent from the learner to submit the nomination.

Whilst we no longer expect evidence of learner work, this may be required for winners in this category to be nominated for the national Keith Fletcher Prize.

**1. Nominating tutor approval and publicity permission**

Please tick the relevant answer to each of the sections in the table below then sign the agreement.

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| **I agree that…** | **Yes** | **No** |
| content provided on this form can be published and used for marketing purposes by Ascentis |[ ] [ ]
| details included in the application form can be submitted for the national Keith Fletcher Awards |[ ] [ ]

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| **Tutor name** |  |
| **Tutor signature** |  | **Date** |  |

1. **Student approval and publicity permission**

Please tick the relevant answer to each of the sections in the table below.

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| **I agree that…** | **Yes** | **No** |
| my application form can be shared with the judges |[ ] [ ]
| content provided on this form can be published and used for marketing purposes by Ascentis |[ ] [ ]
| details included in the application form can be submitted for the national Keith Fletcher Awards |[ ] [ ]

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| **Student name** |  |
| **Student signature** |  | **Date** |  |

**Guidance Notes**

**Introduction**

In recognition of the hard work and commitment of Access to HE Diploma students, Ascentis would like to invite approved centres to nominate learners for the Ascentis Access to HE Excellence Awards.

To be eligible for nomination, a learner is required to have studied on an Ascentis Access to HE Programme in 2024-2025 and meet the criteria for the nominated category.

Each Centre can nominate up to two learners per category per Diploma.

**Criteria**

Learners in this category will have shown outstanding commitment to their Access to HE studies by evidencing some or all of the following:

* Difficult and challenging personal circumstances
* An inspirational journey which demonstrates the impact of learning
* Clear evidence of extra effort above and beyond that which would normally be required of a learner
* A demonstration of an outstanding level of commitment to study.

The supporting statement should be a detailed explanation of how the learner meets the criteria above. It should give an indication of the types of barriers and challenges the learner has overcome during their course.

Whilst the privacy of the learner should be respected, it will help the panel of judges to assess the nomination if some detail regarding the challenges facing the learner, and the way in which they met these challenges, is provided.

Whilst we no longer expect to see evidence of learner work, this may be required for winners in this category to be nominated for the national Keith Fletcher Prize.

**Submitting Nominations**

Nominations should be emailed to hello@ascentis.co.uk with the subject line **Excellence Awards** on or before the closing date.

Please ensure that all documents are in a standard readable format using Word, PDF, JPEG or other format which could be opened on a PC.

Learners can be nominated for one category only and must confirm their consent prior to the nomination being submitted.

The closing date for nominations is **Friday 30th May 2025.**

**Judging of Nominations**

All nominations will be anonymised before being considered by an independent panel of judges where prize winners will be selected solely on the statements provided by centres.

Prize winners and runners up will be contacted in the first instance through their Centre Coordinator. After the individual prize winners have been notified then final results will be circulated to all Centre Coordinators.

**Prizes**

All valid nominations will receive a Certificate of Recognition. Prize winners will receive a cheque for £400 and runners up will receive a cheque for £200.

Ascentis staff will endeavour to present the prizes at a time and venue to be agreed with the Centre.

Award Winners will be announced during the week commencing **11th July 2025**.