



PREMIER TROPHY AWARDS

APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR COMPETITION



Entry Form

2026

Objectives

The objectives of the award are to emphasise the importance of:

- Training
- Quality of workmanship
- Encouraging a demonstrably high degree of aptitude and knowledge of the trade.

Participants need to **bring ALL** their own overalls, tools & equipment.

Specific work areas will be allocated on the day. It should be noted that workstations/spaces at individual training facilities might vary slightly in size and style.

To be fair to all participants, the specification drawing will be allocated on the day at each heat.

Disciplines to be included are:

- Measuring and setting out of the design
- Snapping straight lines
- Applying various water-based coatings
- Free hand cutting in/brush work, linear and broad areas
- Cutting and applying frisk film/stencil design
- Applying a sticker to surface

Eligibility

Entries will be accepted from any apprentice who is currently undergoing recognised training.

Basis of Assessment

Among the evidence considered will be the employer's report and confirmation from the entrant's college/ training centre with regard to:

- Standard of workmanship
- Organisation of work
- Range, knowledge and understanding of best practice within the trade
- Knowledge evidence of tools, materials and surfaces
- Compliance with all Health and Safety legislation.

Judges

To maintain impartiality, a judge will be selected from the Association of Painting Craft Teachers and will also include a representative from the PDA.

The decision of the judges is final and no correspondence will be entered into. If requested, feedback will be available following the completion of all heats.

The Award

The winning Apprentice will receive a trophy, a framed certificate and prizes. The two runners up, will receive a framed certificate and prizes. These will be presented on stage at the Premier Trophy Awards to be held at Plaisterers Hall in London on 2 July 2026.

Entry will be by completion of this application form and the employer must endorse each application.

Please note that National Contractors and Colleges are limited to a maximum of three entrants per heat and this must be strictly adhered to.

Closing Date

**All entries MUST be received by
Friday 13 February 2026.**

All competitions will be held at relevant colleges around the UK.

Interested?

Simply complete this entry form and enclose the below fee:

Apprentice (paying their own fee): £15 per entry

PDA Member: £25 (including VAT) per entry

Non Member: £35 (including VAT) per entry

Payments may be made by BACS or credit/debit card.

Please note: Applications will NOT be accepted unless accompanied with payment.

Entry forms are available to download from
www.paintingdecoratingassociation.co.uk

Entrant's Details

Note: Please supply as much information as possible and print all details clearly.

Name of entrant:	
Postal address:	
Postcode:	
Date of birth:	
Mobile:	
Home tel:	
Email:	
Nominating company:	
Company address:	
Company postcode:	
Company tel:	
Company email:	
Company contact name:	
Years employed by this company:	

Entrant's Training Details

Name of College:	
Address of College:	
Postcode:	
Course tutor name:	
Course tutor email:	
Course tutor tel:	
Course taken:	
Course dates:	
Qualification/s achieved:	
Qualification/s working towards:	

Please state: Junior ☐ Senior ☐

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Supervision

Note: Please supply as much information as possible and print all details clearly.

Supervisor's name:

Supervisor's
contact details
(mobile & email):

Comments on
the applicant:

Signature of supervisor:

Employer's assessment
report of applicant:

Please print name:

Employer's signature:

Applicant's signature:

Date (DD/MM/YYYY):

Date (DD/MM/YYYY):

Employer Contact details –
Email & Tel:

GDPR

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Declaration

I agree to abide by the rules of the Painting and Decorating Apprentice of the Year Competition 2026.

Apprentice Signature:

Please print name:



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