**Template for QM “Making a Difference for Students” Award Nomination**

This form is a template for the following award nominations:

Outstanding Impact by an Individual in Higher Education

Outstanding Impact by a US Based Higher Education Institution

Outstanding Impact by a Non-US Based Institution

Outstanding Impact by a K-12 Organization or Individual

*Please answer the following questions and upload your responses as an attachment to the online nomination form (see the link at qualitymatters.org/events/qm-awards). Save the document with an identifying file name such as your name or institution name.***Nomination Information**

Provide contact information for the organization or individual nominated.

* Name
* Title
* Organization
* Address
* Phone Number
* Email Address

Provide an endorsement for this nomination by a senior institutional officer (e.g., president, provost, dean). (Self-nominations are accepted with endorsement.)

* Name of Senior Officer
* Title
* Signature

 **Nomination Criteria**

* What was the impetus for the initiative? (Describe the situation prior to the initiative’s implementation.)
* What was the purpose of the initiative?
* Who was involved?
* During what time frame was it implemented?
* How was it implemented?
* Sustainability of the Initiative: How is the initiative being maintained and/or enhanced for continued impact on faculty and on learner outcomes?

**Evidence of Impact on Faculty/Staff and Leadership**How has the initiative impacted faculty, staff, and leadership with online and/or blended courses at the organization in either quantitative or qualitative terms or both?

* “The initiative resulted in 90% of faculty/staff successfully completing professional development for online and blended learning vs. 25% prior to the initiative"
* "Faculty who completed online training prior to teaching online is now 100% vs 20% prior to the initiative”

 **Evidence of Impact on Students**How has the initiative impacted learner outcomes in online and/or blended courses at the organization in either quantitative or qualitative terms or both?

* “The initiative caused a 25% increase in successful course completion.”
* "Interviews with learners in the course designed according to the QM Standards were much more positive than those with learners in the equivalent course not designed according to QM Standards and made mention of engagement and ease of navigation where the other course did not.”

**Significance of Impact on Students**

How is the impact described above a significant one for the organization, program, or course?

* ”Post initiative survey of learners found an 88% rating that their instructor was effective in development and delivering a quality online course experience."
* "The initiative increased the percent of learners successfully completing the course from 60% to 80%.”