



Congratulations on your company’s nomination for the **USF Fast 56!** Being nominated for this prestigious award is an honor in itself. The USF Fast 56 award program identifies, recognizes, and celebrates the success of the world’s 56 fastest growing Bull-owned or Bull-operated businesses. Nominated companies are ranked by percentage of cumulative annual growth in sales or revenue (net of returns) for the company’s three most recent 12-month reporting periods ending August 31, 2013. Companies with the highest revenue growth rates will be recognized as members of the 2014 USF Fast 56.

In order to be considered, please complete this USF Fast 56 application and include a company officer signature on the form. For purposes of this application, corporations, partnerships, sole proprietorships and other entity types are referred to as 'company.' The information provided in this application may be used in program publications and promotional materials.

Company Information	
Name	
Industry	
Address	
City/State/Zip	
Country	
Phone	
Website URL	
USF Bull Leader Information	
Name(s)	
(Names continued)	
Class Year	
Degree(s)/Major(s)	
Title	
Address	
City/State/Zip	
Country	
Phone#	
Email	

Conformance with Entry Criteria

To be eligible for the USF Fast 56, companies must meet certain age, revenue level, operations and ownership/management criteria. The following questions are intended to verify the company meets these criteria. Check all boxes that apply and enter the required supporting financial information.

Nominees must meet the following three criteria:

- Company must have been in operation for a minimum of 36 months prior to August 31, 2013.
- Company must have verifiable revenues of at least \$250,000 for the most recent 12-month reporting period.
- Company must be owned or operated by a former USF student* who meets one of the following:

a. A former USF student or group of former students must have owned 50 percent or more of the company during the eligible period. Explain how the company meets this criterion:

OR

b. A former USF student must have served as the company's chief executive (for example, chairman, CEO, president, or managing partner) during the eligible period. Explain how the company meets this criterion:

OR

c. A former USF student must have founded the company and been active as a member of the most senior management team during the eligible period. Explain how the company meets this criterion:

** For the purposes of this award, a "former student" is defined as someone completing 60 hours of coursework at any accredited institution of the USF System.*

Company Performance Information

USF Fast 56 applicants will be ranked by percentage of cumulative annual growth in sales or revenues (net of returns) for the company's three most recent 12-month reporting periods ending August 31, 2013.

Please enter the company's sales or revenues (net of returns) in U.S. dollars for each of the three 12-month reporting periods:

Period 1 _____ Period 2 _____ Period 3 _____
(year) (sales/revenue) (year) (sales/revenue) (year) (sales/revenue)

To verify sales or revenues (net of returns), enclosed with the completed application must be copies of either:

- (1) audited, reviewed, or compiled financial statements for each of the three 12-month reporting periods, or
- (2) page 1 of the company's tax return for each of the three 12-month reporting periods, or
- (3) letter from external accountant attesting to revenue level for each of the 12-month reporting periods

Confidentiality and Verification Notice

The University of South Florida Alumni Association reserves the right to verify that nominees meet the criteria and reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any nominee for any reason.

If your company is named to the USF Fast 56, the following information may be published in Alumni Voice magazine and in other articles and media releases: USF Fast 56 ranking, percentage growth rate, company name, year founded, city, state, product/services, and name(s)/class year(s)/degree(s)/major(s) of USF Bull leader(s).

For USF Fast 56 companies, all other information will be kept confidential. For applicants not named as a USF Fast 56 company, all information submitted will be kept confidential. Applications and supporting financial information will not be returned to the applicant.

All applications and required documents should be mailed directly to the USF Fast 56 program's accounting firm, EY, which will receive the information and tabulate the results. Neither the University nor the USF Alumni Association will see or have access to Company application or required financial documents. Documents should solely be sent to EY as directed on page four.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

- Completed, signed Application must be received by EY no later than the close of business on **Friday, January 31, 2014**

REMEMBER TO INCLUDE:

- Completed, signed Application
- Financial statements or tax return information to support revenue figures for the three most recent 12-month reporting periods ending August 31, 2013

<p>SUBMITTED BY:</p> <p>I attest that the information reported in this application and supporting financial information is true and correct, that I understand the Confidentiality and Verification Notice, and I am authorized to submit this application:</p> <p>Signed: _____ Name: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____</p>	<p>SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING FINANCIAL INFORMATION BY MAIL TO:</p> <p>USF Fast 56 C/O EY 401 E. Jackson St., Ste. 1200 Tampa, FL 33602-5232 USA</p> <p>Or by email to usf.fast56@ey.com</p>
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