



Inspired by the spirit of our alma mater, Ever Upward celebrates not only where we came from—but where we're headed. The competition recognizes and celebrates the success of the fastest-growing businesses owned or led by UCF alumni or former students around the world.

To apply, complete the information in the fields below and include a company officer's signature. The information provided may be used in program publications and promotional materials.

Nominated companies will be ranked by percentage of cumulative annual growth in revenue for the company's 12-month reporting periods of 2022, 2023, 2024. The top companies with the highest revenue growth rates – as tabulated by Carr, Riggs & Ingram, the official tabulation firm – will be selected for Ever Upward and honored at an event on Friday, August 14, 2026.

All applications and required documents are CONFIDENTIAL and MUST BE emailed or mailed directly to Carr, Riggs & Ingram, and their team will tabulate the results. The University of Central Florida, nor anyone else will have access to the required financial documents.

ApplicationDeadline:

Your completed and signed application must be received by Carr, Riggs & Ingram, no later than the close of business on Thursday, March 26, 2026. Applications received after this time will not be considered.

Completed Applications Must Include:

- Completed and signed application
- Financial statements or tax return information to support revenue figures for these three 12-month reporting years: 2022, 2023, 2024.

**Send all materials via email to Jennifer Christensen '99MA
at ucfeverupward@CRIadv.com**

*Applications and financial materials can also be mailed to:
Carr, Riggs & Ingram
Attn: Jennifer Christensen
1031 West Morse Blvd. Suite 200
Winter Park, FL 32789*

Questions on your application? Contact CRI at (407) 644-7455



COMPANY INFORMATION

Company Name <i>(as you want it to appear on marketing materials and potential award)</i>	
Company Address	
Company City, State, Zip Code	
Company Country	
Company Phone Number	
Company Website URL	
Company Description <i>(brief 2-3 sentence description that would be used in marketing materials and our event program)</i>	
Company Social Media Handles <i>(Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)</i>	
Year Company Was Founded	
Total Number of Employees	

COMPANY OWNER OR LEADER INFORMATION

<p>Name(s) of UCF alumni or former student(s) who own or lead the company.</p> <p><i>Please include full legal name including any middle initial and/or maiden name and nickname.</i></p>	
<p>Degree Information</p> <p><i>Include degree year, major, school.</i></p>	
Company Title(s)	
Home Address(es)	
Home City, State, Zip <i>Please include home country if not United States.</i>	
Date of Birth	
Home Phone Number(s)	
Cell Phone Number(s)	
Work Email Address(es)	

CRITERIA CHECK

To be eligible for Ever Upward: Fastest Growing Knight Businesses, companies must meet the following criteria (*please check all boxes to verify*):

- Company must have been in operation from at least January 2022 to present.
- Company must have verifiable revenues of at least \$100,000 in both 2022 and 2023 and a minimum of \$250,000 in 2024.
- Company must be owned or led by a UCF alumnus or former student(s).

Please list UCF connection including degrees/years they attended UCF:

COMPANY PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

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

2022	2023	2024

To verify sales or revenues (net of returns), you **must** enclose with your completed application **ONE** of the following:

- Audited, reviewed, or compiled financial statements for each of the three 12-month reporting periods by an accountant/accounting firm (2022, 2023, 2024),
- Page 1 of the company's tax return for each of the three 12-month reporting periods (2022, 2023, 2024),
- A signed letter from external accountant attesting to revenue level for each of the 12-month reporting periods (2022, 2023, 2024)

CONFIDENTIALITY AND VERIFICATION NOTICE

UCF reserves the right to verify that applicants meet the criteria and reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any applicant for any reason. Incomplete applications will be disqualified.

If your company is selected as an Ever Upward finalist for 2026, the following information may be published by UCF: Ever Upward ranking, company name, year founded, location, products and services, names of UCF alumni or former student(s), years attended and any degrees and majors, if applicable. All company and personal information submitted will be shared with UCF Alumni.

All applications **MUST BE** sent directly to Carr, Riggs & Ingram for tabulation. All financial information is kept confidential with Carr, Riggs & Ingram and will not be shared with anyone including UCF.

Carr, Riggs & Ingram (CRI) is a Top 25 nationally-ranked accounting and advisory firm driven by relationships to cultivate growth.

SUBMITTED BY

I attest that the following information in this application and the supporting financial information is true and correct. I understand the Confidentiality and Verification Notice, and I am authorized to submit this application.

Signed	
Name	
Title	
Date	



*Thank you to our
official tabulation partner:*

