

Nominations

Q1. Can you verify my nomination went through?

After submitting the nomination form, you should receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive this email, please send an email to Aggie100@mays.tamu.edu.

Q2. I'd like to nominate someone but I'm not sure if they meet all the criteria. What should I do?

If you know of an Aggie-owned or Aggie-led business that you think meets the criteria, don't hesitate to submit a nomination for them! Nominees will receive an application packet and can choose whether or not they will apply. There is no harm in nominating them for the process.

Q3. Who can nominate a company?

Anyone can nominate a company; you don't necessarily have to be an Aggie! You may nominate yourself if you'd like! Nominator's information is not made public.

General Program Questions

Q1. What is the purpose of the program?

The Aggie 100 identifies, recognizes and celebrates the 100 fastest growing Aggie-owned or Aggie-led businesses in the world. The Aggie 100 not only celebrates their success, it also provides a forum to pass lessons to the next generation of Aggie entrepreneurs.

Q2. How do you recognize Aggie 100 Honorees?

In addition to recognition in the Texas Aggie magazine and various press releases, each honoree will receive a trophy. The honorees will also be invited to campus in the Fall of 2018 to participate in several activities.

Q3. What is involved in the application process?

The application form is fairly simple. A few check boxes, answer a couple of questions related to the criteria, and attach documentation to verify revenues. That's it! For a list of the information required in your application, click [here](#).

Q4. When will the Aggie 100 list be released?

Nominations are open until thru May 2018. Beginning at the start of May, nominees will be notified and begin the application process. Those who complete the application process, will be notified in late-August so that they may make plans to be on campus in the Fall for the recognition activities. The actual list will be released at the Aggie 100 Awards Ceremony in the Fall.

Qualifications

Q1. What does it mean to be Aggie-owned or led by Aggies?

For the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017, the company must have been owned OR led by an Aggie or group of Aggies.

1. Aggie founded and founder still involved at senior level if not President or CEO.
2. Aggie-owned means 50% or more owned an Aggie or group of Aggies.
3. Aggie-led means an Aggie as CEO, President, Managing Partner or Chairman.

The company must meet one of these criteria. It does not have to meet all three. Aggie employees who hold a position in the company other than those listed above cannot be named as an Aggie 100 Honoree.

Q2. What are the criteria to be on the Aggie 100 list?

There are four criteria:

1. The company must be Aggie-owned or led by Aggies for the program time frame (January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2017).
2. The company's revenues must have been \$250,000 or more in calendar year 2015.
3. The company must have been in business for 5 years or more as of December 31, 2017.
4. The company must operate in a manner consistent with the Aggie Code of Honor.

A company must meet all four criteria to be eligible.

Company Info Required and Calculation of Results

Q1. How are the results calculated? How is the Aggie 100 list determined?

For each applicant we will calculate the percentage growth in revenues from 2015 to 2017. Nominated companies are asked to provide high-level information about their organization so that the compounded annual growth rate can be calculated. More information about 'Compounded Annual Growth Rate' can be found [on our website](#).

After the calculations, the companies will be listed by growth rate from the highest to the lowest. The top 100 fastest growing companies will be named to the Aggie 100.

Q2. What is "revenue"?

We are basing our growth calculations on net revenues for 2015 and 2017. Net revenue is meant to be net sales, or sales less returns. For a professional services business it would be gross revenues less any write-downs or discounts.

Q3. The application form says “verifiable” revenue. How do you verify revenue?

We need a way of verifying the company’s revenue levels. Some of the ways in which revenues can be verified include:

1. Copy of audited, reviewed or compiled financial statements.
2. Copy of page 1 of tax return (you can block out other financial data on page 1 if you wish).
3. Letter from external accountant attesting to revenue level.

If you have issues/concerns about any of these, feel free to contact us and we will work with you.

Q4. What information do you need?

The application form will ask for:

1. Contact information
2. Company’s conformance to Aggie 100 qualifications (company age, minimum revenue, Aggie ownership / leadership and adherence to Aggie Code of Honor).
3. Revenue levels for the previous three years.

Use and Publication of Information / Confidentiality

Q1. How can I be assured of confidentiality?

The financial information you provide during the application process is sent directly to an independent accounting firm that tabulates the results. They will only report the results to the Center. The University will not see the revenue levels reported and they will not be made available to the press or any other groups. The accounting firm is PKF Texas in Houston. They provide similar services to awards programs such as the FasTech 50 in Houston.

Q2. What information will be released?

We will publish the list of the 100 companies honored. The list will include company name, city location, names of Aggie principals, year founded and percentage growth rate. Actual revenue figures WILL NOT be published or otherwise released. The article in the Texas Aggie magazine will feature a brief story on several companies. Those articles will focus on the company’s business (much like the information that can be found on the company’s website). They will not include financial or other statistical information. You may be called for an interview.

Q3. Where will the information be published?

The Aggie 100 list will be publicized in the Texas Aggie magazine, The Texas Business Journals, press releases, on our website, in Center newsletters and/or similar channels. Specific information about revenues will NOT be published. The only statistical information that will be released will be the percentage growth rate. You may be interviewed by the Texas Aggie magazine staff for the feature. They will only include information you provide to them in that article.

Q4. Will my company information be released to the Association of Former Students or the Texas A&M Foundation?

No. All such information will be retained by PKF Texas and not released to the University or any University affiliate.

Sponsorship

Q1. I am interested in being a sponsor of the Aggie 100. What options are there and how much does it cost?

We have a variety of sponsorship options available from table sponsorships, reception and luncheon sponsors to event underwriter. Please contact Blake Petty at 979-845-4882.