



APPLICATION FOR 6 COUNTIES FAST PITCH for residents or business owners in Henry, Henderson, Knox, Mercer, Stark, or Warren Counties

Complete this application for the chance to make a presentation at the 6 Counties Fast Pitch Contest that will take place on March 14, 2018.

All decisions of the Fast Pitch Steering Committee are final.

Application Due January 31, 2018: Once you fill out and return this application form (both sides), you will be given a Business Plan packet which you are to complete and return prior to the contest. Selected contestants who have completed all materials by the deadline will be given an opportunity to participate in a mock/practice Fast Pitch Session before the actual contest where they will get feedback about their presentation. Practice Sessions for those selected will take place on February 12, with professionals helping candidates hone their presentation skills.

Contestants will be eligible to compete for over \$125,000 in prizes including cash, advertising, and professional small business consultation to help them turn their idea into reality.

*If you have questions, contact UI Extension Community and Economic Development Educators **Carrie McKillip**, serving Henderson, Knox and Warren Counties at (309) 342-5108 or **Russell Medley** serving Henry, Mercer, and Stark Counties at (309) 756-9978. More information can also be found at www.6countyfastpitch.org*

Return this form to University of Illinois Extension, 321 West 2nd Ave., Milan, IL 61264 or to University of Illinois Extension, 180 S Soangetaha Rd # 108, Galesburg, IL 61401

Applicant Name: _____

Company/Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Check one or more that apply to applicant:

- I reside in Henry County, IL I reside in Henderson County, IL I reside in Knox County, IL
 I reside in Mercer County, IL I reside in Stark County, IL I reside in Warren County, IL
 I own a business in Henry County, IL I own a business in Henderson County, IL
 I own a business in Knox County, IL I own a business in Mercer County, IL
 I own a business in Stark County, IL I own a business in Warren County, IL

Select Your Competition Category:

Multi-level businesses are not eligible to participate in contest.

- Existing Business Expansion** - For those with a plan to expand a current business.
 Retail/Service - For those with a plan to start a retail sales or service business.
 Manufacturing/Fabrication Business - For those with a plan to start a manufacturing or fabrication business

Fill out both sides of this application.

Individual or Company Background: Provide a short summary of your background.
Explain how your experiences give you credibility.