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Scottsdale Chamber and Presenting Sponsor Nationwide announce

Nominations now open for the 33rd Annual Sterling Awards

Celebrating business excellence, innovation and community stewardship!

(June 8, 2018 – Scottsdale, AZ) – Nominations are now being accepted for the **33rd Annual Sterling Awards** to be held on November 16th at the Embassy Suites by Hilton. The deadline for entries is Wednesday, August 15, 2018. On-line applications can be submitted here; www.scottsdalechamber.com/sterling. Anyone may nominate a business, but the company must be a current member in good standing with the Scottsdale Area Chamber of Commerce. Businesses may also self-nominate.

For 33 years the Sterling Awards has embodied the spirit of our organization by celebrating the people and organizations who have demonstrated excellence, innovation and community stewardship, making Scottsdale one of the best cities to live in our Nation. Over the years we have honored our city's outstanding corporate neighbors and brightest rising stars. Celebrating its 33rd year, the Sterling Awards honor businesses in four categories;

Micro Business (1-5 Employees)

Recognizes an entrepreneurship or emerging business exhibiting success through innovation, creativity and collaboration.

Small Business (6-99 employees)

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Recognizes a company that demonstrates success through product or service innovation, quality and professionalism, and has made contributions to community-orientated projects.

Big Business (100+ Employees)

Recognizes significant contributions to quality of life and the economic fabric of the community.

Non-Profit

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Recognizes the social, cultural, educational and economic impact of an organization on its constituents and/or the broader community.

About the Sterling Awards

Celebrating 33 years of business excellence, the Sterling Award is one of the most coveted business awards in the Valley, with a rigorous application, judging and selection process. Four teams of judges each conduct an initial review of all applications and narrow the field to three finalists in each category. Once the finalists are identified, the judging teams visit those companies to conduct a personal interview and get a behind-the-scenes look at their operations. Next, each judge independently casts a set of points for the finalists based on their embodiment of the award criteria. The points are tallied, and the results remain secret until revealed at the Sterling Awards Luncheon event. One of the highlights of the Sterling Awards Celebration is the highly anticipated video presentation of each of the 12 finalists. Only members of the Scottsdale Area Chamber of Commerce are eligible to apply for the Sterling Award.

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