

# The Sterling Award

We at Sterling Development Corporation (an Encinitas-based real estate investment/development company) believe that outstanding people possess superior leadership and personal achievement in all aspects of their lives. To recognize these outstanding individuals, we have created "The Sterling Award" that will be awarded to the San Dieguito Youth Softball player who demonstrates superior athletic ability during the spring season and, more importantly, who demonstrates outstanding academic achievement and community involvement.

## The Award

The recipient of The Sterling Award will receive:

1. A \$500.00 savings bond; and
2. A distinguished trophy (e.g., a silver plated or crystal softball mounted with a personalized plaque)

The winner of The Sterling Award will be announced by a representative of Sterling Development Corporation at the Closing Day Ceremonies of the spring season.

## Application Process

To be considered for The Sterling Award, a player must:

1. Submit an Application (see attached).
2. Write an essay that describes why the player feels she should be considered for the Award.
3. Provide a copy of the player's most recent report card from her school.
4. Provide 2 letters of recommendation; one from the player's teacher or school official, and one from a community, church or civic leader.



***\*Applications are due by April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010.***

## **Selection Process**

All applications will be reviewed by the Sterling Award Selection Committee. This Committee will be comprised of 5 members:

- 4 representatives from SDYS selected by the Board of Directors. There shall be one representative from each division (8U, 10U, 12U and 14U) and that representative must be an active head coach in that division; and
- 1 representative from Sterling Development Corporation.

The Sterling Award Selection Committee will review all applications and select the finalists (the top 3-5 applications). The Board of Directors will select The Sterling Award winner from the finalists.

## **Eligibility**

An SDYS player must participate in at least 75% of her spring team's games and she must play on an 8U, 10U, 12U or 14U team.

## **Endowment/Funding**

The Sterling Award will initially be funded or endowed by Sterling Development Corporation in the amount of \$700.00 per year for the first 3 years beginning with the Spring 2010 Season. The \$700.00 will be allocated as follows:

- \$500.00 for the winner/recipient
- \$100.00 contributed to Free Flight (in honor and memory of Bob Stonebreaker)
- \$100.00 for the trophy



Initially, Sterling Development Corporation will deposit the sum of \$700.00 with SDYS. These funds should be sufficient to endow The Sterling Award for the first year. Sterling will then deposit an additional \$700.00 per year for the next two years. To the extent the SDYS general membership wishes to perpetuate The Sterling Award beyond the initial 3 years, Sterling Development Corporation reserves the right to grant or endow additional funds.

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Sterling Development Corporation

## SAN DIEGUITO YOUTH SOFTBALL (SDYS)

Application for "The Sterling Award"

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

|                |                |               |                  |
|----------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|
| Last Name      | First          | M.I.          | Date             |
| Street Address |                |               | Apartment/Unit # |
| City           | State          | ZIP           |                  |
| Phone          | E-mail Address |               |                  |
| Age            | Parent Contact | Parent Cell # |                  |

### SAN DIEGUITO YOUTH SOFTBALL INFORMATION

|               |       |
|---------------|-------|
| SDYS Division | Team: |
| Coach(s)      |       |

### SCHOOL INFORMATION

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| School      | Grade                                  |
| Report Card | Attach copy of most recent Report Card |

**Activities/clubs/honors and/or special achievements: Please list or attach separately if needed.**

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| 1. |
| 2. |
| 3. |
| 4. |

### OTHER

**Please list any church, synagogue and/or community service/participation. Please include contact name & number.**

**Letters of Recommendation:** Attach two (2) letters of recommendation; One from a teacher or other school official and one from a community, church or civic leader.

**Essay:** Attach a *hand-written* essay answering the question: " Why should you be chosen for the Sterling Award?"

### DISCLAIMER AND SIGNATURE

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

If this application leads to the Sterling Award, I understand that false or misleading information in my application may result in my disqualification of the "Sterling Award".

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| Signature | Date |
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