



About the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program

Created by Congress in 1987, the Baldrige Program helps organizations improve and succeed in the competitive global marketplace. It is the only public-private partnership and Presidential award program dedicated to improving U.S. organizations. In collaboration with the greater Baldrige community, the Baldrige Program offers a systems approach to organizational excellence, award-winning leadership development, self-assessment tools, organizational assessments by teams of trained experts, presentations and workshops on how to improve, and conferences and other events that showcase best management practices.

Baldrige in Arizona

- **2 Arizona applicants for the Baldrige Award (2005–2016)**
- **5 Baldrige examiners from Arizona volunteered \$76,000 in services in 2016.**

Southwest Alliance for Excellence

The Alliance for Performance Excellence (www.baldrigepe.org/alliance), a network of regional, state, and local Baldrige-based programs, serves organizations from all industry sectors and nearly all U.S. states. These programs rely on the Baldrige Program for the Baldrige Excellence Framework and other resources but operate without financial support from the Baldrige Program. The Southwest Alliance for Excellence (SWAE; www.swae.org) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation that advances improvement and excellence in organizations, communities, and individuals throughout Arizona, Nevada, and Utah. SWAE empowers organizations to pursue performance excellence, improve outcomes, and contribute to the economic strength of their community and state.

2015–2016 Arizona Award Winners

Bristol Global Mobility (Commitment)	Scottsdale Medical Imaging (Commitment)
Deer Valley Unified School District (Commitment)	Yuma Regional Medical Center (Commitment)
Phoenix Convention Center and Venues (Commitment)	Medical Security Card Company, LLC (Interest)

AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Winners in Arizona

The [AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Program](#) provides a pathway toward performance excellence for providers of long term and postacute care services. The program is based on the core values and criteria of the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program.

Plaza Healthcare (2016, Silver; 2015, Bronze)	Sunrise of Chandler (2015, Bronze)
The Forum at Desert Harbor (2016, Bronze)	Sunrise at River Road (2015, Bronze)
The Gardens of Sun City (2016, Bronze)	The Forum at Tucson (2014, Bronze)
Palm Valley Rehabilitation & Care Center (2016, Bronze)	The Gardens of Scottsdale (2014, Bronze)
Fountain View Village (2015, Bronze)	Desert Cove Nursing Center (2013, Bronze)
Prestige Assisted Living (2015, Bronze)	Estrella Care and Rehabilitation Center (2013, Bronze)
Sunrise of Gilbert (2015, Bronze)	Prestige Assisted Living at Claremont (2013, Bronze)
Sunrise of Scottsdale (2015, Bronze)	Prestige Assisted Living of Lake Havasu City (2013, Bronze)
Sunshine Village (2015, Bronze)	

Baldrige in the U.S.

- U.S. organizations applying for the Baldrige Award have received 1,673 feedback reports detailing organizational strengths and opportunities for improvement.
- 106 Baldrige Award recipients share their role-model practices with other organizations.
- 2010–2016 applicants represent 589,635 U.S. jobs, 2,815 work sites, more than \$147 billion in revenues/budgets, and nearly 450 million customers served.
- 366 national Baldrige examiners volunteered roughly \$5.6 million in services in 2016.
- In 2015, more than 30 independently funded and managed regional, state, and sector Baldrige-based programs evaluated 1,210 organizations using 1,262 volunteer examiners.
- Organizations from all sectors and of all sizes use the Baldrige Excellence Framework for improvement.

Sample Achievements by Baldrige Award Winners

- Estimated **cost savings of \$225 million annually** through time reductions resulting from process and performance improvements (Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control)
- **Growth in revenue from \$41 million to \$265 million** over 10 years (PricewaterhouseCoopers Public Sector Practice)
- In **customer satisfaction, outperformed its closest competitor** in 20 of 20 performance attributes (MESA)
- Consistent **Healthgrades scores in the top 10% nationally** for patient safety, general surgery, gastrointestinal care, and joint replacement (Hill Country Memorial)
- Voted **“Best Financial Institution”** by readers of the *Boulder Daily Camera* for 15 of 16 years; more mortgage volume in its county than any of its competitors (Elevations Credit Union)
- Despite rigorous public school graduation requirements, a **97.4% graduation rate** in 2012-2013 (Pewaukee School District)
- **Revenue growth** from about \$120 million in 1997 to about \$625 million in 2009 (MEDRAD)
- For four years, composite performance **at or better than the top 10% of health care systems nationally** for each disease group in the core measures reported by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (St. David’s HealthCare)
- 0% or higher **customer satisfaction** levels (Premier Inc.)
- **Profitability during 4 years of economic downturn** while the rest of the industry saw minimal growth and modest profit (Freese and Nichols)