

STERLING FINANCIAL CORP /WA/
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SCHULTHEIS ANDREW J

(Last) (First) (Middle)
111 NORTH WALL STREET
(Street)

SPOKANE, WA 99201

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
STERLING FINANCIAL CORP
/WA/ [STSA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
06/10/2013

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	06/10/2013		M	1,388 A	4,694	D	
Common Stock	06/10/2013		F	380 (2) D	\$ 22.13 4,314	D	
Common Stock (ESPP)					1,008	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit	(3)	06/10/2013		M	1,388	06/08/2013 ⁽³⁾ 06/08/2014	Common Stock	1,388

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SCHULTHEIS ANDREW J 111 NORTH WALL STREET SPOKANE, WA 99201			General Counsel	

Signatures

/s/ Lara L. Hemingway,
attorney-in-fact

06/12/2013

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Represents the vesting of 1,388 restricted stock units.

(2) Shares withheld by Registrant to satisfy minimum withholding requirements on vesting of restricted stock units.

(3) Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive one share of common stock upon vesting of that unit. 25% of the restricted stock units vested immediately upon grant (June 8, 2011), 25% of the restricted stock units are scheduled to vest each year for a 3 year period on the grant's anniversary date (totaling 75% over the 3 year time period), subject to the reporting person's continued employment on the applicable vesting date.

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