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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



SO WHAT IS A FINANCIAL COOPERATIVE?

We can thank the 1934 Federal Credit Union Act for establishing not-for-profit financial cooperatives known as credit unions.

So how are credit unions different than for-profit banks? In a nutshell, as not-for-profit financial institutions, credit unions do not have to generate revenue like banks do to enrich stockholders. After operating expenses and transfers to reserves, any profit the credit union generates goes back to members in the form of lower loan rates, better savings rates and lower fees compared to what you might find from your local neighborhood bank.

Recently, the National Credit Union Administration reported that in the second quarter of 2016, loans totaled more than \$800 billion at credit unions nationwide. This is important because loans are the primary source of income for a credit union and it illustrates clearly the concept of a financial cooperative. Credit unions, including Edwards, are only as good as the sum of its total membership. When more members are taking advantage of all the credit union has to offer, from savings and checking accounts to a variety of loan products, the more income we generate which in turn means we can return even greater value to all members.

I encourage every member to review the financial relationships you might have with other institutions and consider if you might be able to do more business with Edwards. Our recently launched Take Off! auto promotion is a great place to start. If you have an auto loan with another financial institution and your interest rate is more than 1.99%, seriously consider saving money and refinancing that loan with us. There is no fee to refinance and when we fund any auto loan of \$10,000 or more, we will give you a \$50 Napa Auto Parts gift card as our way of saying thank you.

If you don't have any other business you can bring us, remember that your friends and family on the Edwards Air Force Base or in the Antelope Valley are eligible to join the credit union. Once they join, they too will be eligible for our Take Off promotion – have them give us a call and we can talk about what options we can offer them and how our credit union can save them money.

Remember there really is strength in numbers. Together we grow and together we are stronger. We look forward to serving you, your family and your friends in the years to come.

Roy MacKinnon
President/CEO





OVERDRAFT

COVERAGE OPTIONS:

OVERDRAFT PROTECTION & OVERDRAFT PRIVILEGE

LIFE HAPPENS! EDWARDS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION UNDERSTANDS THAT UNEXPECTED OVERDRAFTS OCCUR FROM TIME TO TIME – OVERDRAFT COVERAGE CAN HELP.

WHAT ARE MY OVERDRAFT COVERAGE OPTIONS?

The choice is yours.

Consider these ways to cover overdrafts:

SERVICE	COST
OVERDRAFT PROTECTION LINK TO ANOTHER DEPOSIT ACCOUNT YOU HAVE AT EDWARDS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION ¹	\$3.00 FEE PER TRANSFER
OVERDRAFT PROTECTION LINK TO A CASH ADVANCE ON YOUR EDWARDS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION CREDIT CARD ^{1,2}	SUBJECT TO FEES + INTEREST
OVERDRAFT PROTECTION LINE OF CREDIT ^{1,2}	SUBJECT TO FEES + INTEREST
OVERDRAFT PRIVILEGE	\$29.00 OVERDRAFT FEE PER ITEM. DAILY FEES MAY APPLY.

¹Contact us at **661-925-5945**, email services@edwardsfcu.org, or come by a branch to sign up or apply for these services. ²Subject to credit approval.

WHAT IS OVERDRAFT PROTECTION?

Overdraft Protection services apply to all types of transactions and may help protect your account from being overdrawn by automatically transferring funds to your checking account from another account, cash advance, or line of credit you may have at Edwards Federal Credit Union, for a fee or finance charge. Please note that cash advances and overdraft lines of credit are subject to credit approval.

WHAT IS OVERDRAFT PRIVILEGE?

Overdraft Privilege allows you to overdraw your account up to the disclosed limit for a fee in order to pay a transaction.

Edwards Federal Credit Union may provide you a \$200 limit for eligible checking accounts at account opening. If your account remains in good standing for 60 days, this limit may be increased up to \$750. You will receive a letter informing you if the Overdraft Privilege limit has been increased on your account. Even if you have overdraft protection, such as a transfer from another account, Overdraft Privilege is still available as secondary coverage if the other protection sources are exhausted.

Please be aware that the Overdraft Privilege amount is not included in your balance provided through online banking, telephone banking or Edwards Federal Credit Union ATMs.

HOW MUCH DOES OVERDRAFT PRIVILEGE COST?

There is no fee for having Overdraft Privilege unless you use it. The Overdraft Fee of \$29.00 will be imposed for overdrafts created by checks, ACH, point-of-sale, ATM withdrawals, in-person withdrawals, or by other electronic means. If multiple items overdraw your account on the same day, each item will be assessed the appropriate fee. This is the same fee that Edwards Federal Credit Union charges for items returned to the payee due to insufficient funds. If your balance remains overdrawn, we will charge your account a daily overdraft fee of \$15. The fee will be assessed on each of the consecutive calendar days the account remains overdrawn, beginning with day 30.

All fees and charges will be included as part of the Overdraft Privilege limit amount. Your account may become overdrawn in excess of the Overdraft Privilege limit amount as a result of the assessment of a fee. The total negative balance, including all fees and charges, is due and payable upon demand. Depositor and each Authorized Signatory will continue to be liable, jointly and severally, for all such amounts, as described in the Deposit Account and Disclosure Agreement.

WHAT IF I DON'T WANT OVERDRAFT PRIVILEGE?

You can request to discontinue the Overdraft Privilege service in its entirety at any time by contacting us at 661-952-5945 or sending us an email at memberservice@edwardsfcu.org. Without Overdraft Privilege, your insufficient funds items will be returned to the payee and/or declined at the point of purchase, unless you have Overdraft Protection available to cover the item(s). You will be charged the standard return fee of \$29.00 for all returned items.

WHAT IF I WANT EDWARDS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION TO PAY MY ATM AND EVERYDAY DEBIT CARD OVERDRAFTS (EXTENDED COVERAGE)?

If you want us to authorize and pay overdrafts caused by ATM and everyday debit card transactions (Extended Coverage), tell us by using one of the methods below.

- Call us at **661-952-5945**.
- Visit our website at www.edwardsfcu.org.
- Visit one of our convenient branch locations.
- Complete the Consent Form, which is available at any branch and was previously provided to you, and mail it to us at **10 South Muroc, Edwards, CA 93524**.
- Send us an email at memberservice@edwardsfcu.org.

NOTE: Business accounts automatically have access to Overdraft Privilege for ATM and everyday debit card transactions. (Extended Coverage).

WHAT TYPES OF TRANSACTIONS DOES OVERDRAFT PRIVILEGE COVER?

The types of transactions covered by Overdraft Privilege depend on the coverage selected. See the chart to the right for more information.

If you choose Extended Coverage, all the transaction types listed in Standard Coverage are included, along with ATM withdrawals and everyday debit card transactions. Edwards Federal Credit Union will not authorize overdrafts for everyday debit card and ATM transactions on consumer accounts unless you give us your consent to pay these overdrafts by electing Extended Coverage. Business accounts automatically have Extended Coverage.

	Standard Coverage (No action required)	Extended Coverage (Your consent required*)
Checks	X	X
ACH - Automatic Debits	X	X
Recurring Debit Card Payments	X	X
Online Bill Pay Items	X	X
Internet Banking Transfers	X	X
Telephone Banking	X	X
At the Teller Window	X	X
ATM Transactions		X*
Everyday Debit Card Transactions		X*

WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?

- We generally post items in the following order: 1) credits, 2) ATM and debit card transactions post in the order received, 3) ACH debits post low to high by dollar amount, 4) checks post low to high by dollar amount; however, exceptions will occur. Holds on funds (described below) and the order in which transactions are posted may impact the total amount of Overdraft Fees or Return Fees assessed.
- A single larger overdraft will result in just one fee, as opposed to multiple smaller overdrafts.
- Although under payment system rules, Edwards Federal Credit Union may be obligated to pay some unauthorized debit card transactions, Edwards Federal Credit Union will not authorize debit card or ATM transactions unless there are sufficient available funds (including overdraft coverage) to cover the transactions and the amount of any fee(s).
- Giving us your consent on your consumer account to pay everyday debit card and ATM overdrafts may result in you incurring overdraft fees for transactions that we would otherwise be required to pay without assessing an overdraft fee. However, this may allow us to authorize transactions up to the amount of your Overdraft Privilege limit and may also help you avoid overdrafts in excess of your available funds that could result in restriction of your debit card.
- Edwards Federal Credit Union authorizes and pays transactions using the available balance in your account. The available balance is comprised of the ledger balance (collected funds) less any debit card holds, and does not include any deposited funds on hold. Edwards Federal Credit Union may place a hold on deposited funds in accordance with our Deposit Account Agreement and Disclosure. If the funds in the available balance are not sufficient to cover a transaction, any available overdraft protection and/or the amount of the Overdraft Privilege limit, may be used to authorize and pay a transaction.
- Edwards Federal Credit Union will place a hold on your account for any authorized debit card transaction until the transaction settles (usually within two business days) or as permitted by payment system rules. In some cases, the hold may exceed the amount of the transaction. When the hold ends the funds will be added to the available balance in your account. If your account is overdrawn after the held funds are added to the available balance and the transaction is posted to the available balance, an Overdraft Fee may be assessed.
- Except as described in this brochure, Edwards Federal Credit Union will not pay items if your account does not contain available funds (including the Overdraft Privilege limit) to cover the item(s) and the amount of any fee(s).
- We may restrict your debit card use if you incur overdrafts in excess of the available funds in your account including any Overdraft Privilege limit.
- Overdraft Privilege is not a line of credit; it is a discretionary overdraft service that can be withdrawn at any time without prior notice.
- Overdraft Privilege may be discontinued if you default on any loan or other obligation to us, your account becomes subject to any legal or administrative order or levy, or if you fail to maintain your account in good standing by not bringing your account to a positive balance within thirty (30) days for a minimum of one business day.

OVERDRAFT PROTECTION & OVERDRAFT PRIVILEGE SUMMARY

Overdraft Protection services allow you to link other sources you have with Edwards Federal Credit Union to your checking account in order to prevent overdrafts and are less expensive options than an overdraft.

Overdraft Privilege allows you to overdraw your account for a fee of \$29.00 in order to pay a transaction.

Overdraft Privilege limits of up to \$750 are available for eligible Personal Checking accounts opened at least 60 days in good standing.

Overdraft Privilege limits of up to \$750 are available for eligible Business Checking accounts opened at least 60 days in good standing.

Standard Overdraft Privilege covers checks, online bill payments, ACH transactions, or automatic/pre-authorized debits that you establish insurance premiums, utility bills, etc.).

Extended Overdraft Privilege covers ATM withdrawals and everyday debit card transactions on your personal accounts with your prior consent, in addition to those transactions covered by Standard Overdraft Privilege. Business accounts automatically have Extended Coverage.

Both Overdraft Protection and Overdraft Privilege may enable you to avoid expensive merchant returned-check charges.

Both Overdraft Protection and Overdraft Privilege may enable you to avoid having your ATM or debit card transactions declined due to insufficient funds.

You must deposit the full amount of the overdraft (within 30 days), including any fees assessed, and maintain a positive balance for at least one business day to continue to receive Overdraft Privilege.

Good account management is the best way to avoid overdrafts. Use our mobile banking, internet banking, and telephone banking services to help keep track of your balance.

For additional money management tips, visit our website at <http://www.edwardsfcu.org/home/convenience/financial>.

If you have questions about Overdraft Protection or Overdraft Privilege, please call us at **661-952-5945**.

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- **THANKSGIVING** - Thursday & Friday, November 24th & 25th
- **CHRISTMAS DAY** - Monday, December 26th (observed)
- **NEW YEAR'S DAY** - Monday, January 2nd (observed)

CONTACT US

- **PHONE** 661.952.5945 CALL-24 ... select 1 ... then #
- **TOLL FREE** 877.256.3300 CALL-24 ... select 1 ... then #
- **EMAIL** ememberservices@edwardsfcu.org
- **WEBSITE** www.edwardsfcu.org

BRANCHES

- **EDWARDS AFB** 10 South Murdoc Drive
FAX 661.258.7244 LOBBY HOURS M-F, 9am-5pm
- **LANCASTER** 44288 10th Street West
FAX 661.942.3573 LOBBY HOURS M-F, 9am-6pm
DRIVE UP M-F, 8:30am-6pm

CAN'T GET OUT OF DEBT?

GETTING OUT OF DEBT REQUIRES A SYSTEMATIC AND DISCIPLINED APPROACH TO SAVING AND SPENDING. THERE'S NO MAGIC FORMULA. BUT EVEN IF YOU THINK YOU'VE BEEN SPENDING LESS AND MAKING YOUR PAYMENTS, THERE MAY BE SOME BASIC THINGS WORKING AGAINST YOU THAT YOU'VE HAVEN'T ADDRESSED.

YOU DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH YOU OWE OR ARE SPENDING

You have to know what the damage is before you can make a plan. Once your budget is established, you MUST track your spending to stay on plan.

YOU PAY ONLY THE MINIMUM

If you're paying only the minimum on a loan or credit card, the interest will always WIN. You won't make a dent in the balance unless you pay more.

YOUR INTEREST RATES ARE TOO HIGH

Have you checked your interest rates lately? Bad credit will result in higher rates which means higher payments and less going to principle.

YOU DON'T HAVE MONEY FOR EMERGENCIES

Emergencies will come--it's just a matter of time. And whether you can manage it will depend on how much you were prepared. No rainy day fund means your budget takes the hit.

YOU RACK UP LATE FEES

Not paying attention to due dates results in fees and penalties. All extra money you can't afford to pay.

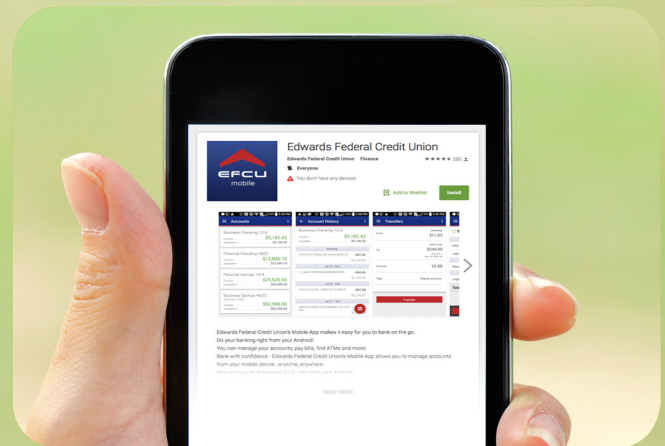
YOU CAN'T SAY NO TO YOUR KIDS

Indulging the whims of your children will lead to more spending. Learn to say NO.

NOT PAYING OFF HIGH INTEREST CREDIT CARDS FIRST

Occasionally you might find yourself in the position to pay extra on one of your credit card balances. But which one? Often people choose the lowest balance card thinking that it will be good to have a card paid off quicker but that may not be in your best financial interest. Before you make any additional payment above the minimum amount due, make sure you know which card has the highest interest rate (the rate is on each card's statement). Then, always make extra payments to that card. Remember, the higher the rate the more it costs you to have a balance on that card.

THESE OBSTACLES WILL PREVENT YOU FROM GETTING OUT OF DEBT.
COME IN AND TALK TO OUR PROFESSIONAL FINANCIAL REPRESENTATIVES
AND LET'S PUT TOGETHER A PLAN THAT WILL WORK FOR YOU.



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