

How soon can I use my Member Overdraft Privilege?

If you are a new member, we will advise you 180 or more days after your account is opened that you may use the overdraft privilege service. This is provided you have maintained satisfactory activity in the account, including regular deposits, consistent with our internal standards for new account types that may offer Member Overdraft Privilege. Once you are notified your Member Overdraft Privilege limit is available to you, it may continue to be available provided you maintain the account in “good standing” as defined in this brochure.

What are some other ways I can cover overdrafts at Winthrop Area FCU?

The best way to avoid overdrafts and fees is to keep track of your account balance by entering all checks, debit card purchases and ATM withdrawals in your check register, reconcile your check book regularly and manage your finances responsibly. However, if a mistake occurs, Winthrop Area FCU offers additional ways to cover overdrafts in addition to Member Overdraft Privilege.

Ways to Cover Overdrafts at Winthrop Area FCU	Example of Associated Rates and Fees ¹
Good Account Management	\$0
Link to Share Account	NO transfer fee ²
Member Overdraft Privilege	Overdraft Fee of \$25 for each item

1. This information is effective as of September 2014 and is provided as examples. 2. The number of transfers allowed from a savings account each month may be limited and additional fees/consequences for exceeding this limit may apply. 3. APR- Annual Percentage Rate – Subject to change. Please ask us about our current specific products, rates and fees.

What if I do not want to have Member Overdraft Privilege on my account?

If you would like to have this service removed from your account, please call 1-800-511-1120.

Member Overdraft Privilege Member Policy

There are several ways your account can become overdrawn, such as (1) the payment of checks, electronic funds transfers or other withdrawal requests; (2) payments authorized by you (i.e. signature-based point of sale transactions); (3) the return of unpaid items deposited by you; (4) credit union service charges; or (5) the deposit of items which, according to the credit union's Funds Availability Policy, are treated as not yet available or finally paid.

While we are not obligated to pay any item presented for payment if your account does not contain enough money, as long as you maintain your account in “good standing,” we may approve your overdraft items within your current available Member Overdraft Privilege limit as a non-contractual courtesy. For overdraft privilege consideration, your account is in “good Member Overdraft Privilege standing” if you (1) deposit enough money to bring your account to a positive end-of-day balance at least once every 30 calendar days (including the payment of all credit union fees and charges); (2) avoid excessive overdrafts suggesting the use of Member Overdraft Privilege as a continuing line of credit; (3) have no legal orders, levies or liens against your account and (4) all loans and/or obligations to Winthrop Area FCU are current and are not past due.

In the normal course of business, we generally pay electronic transactions first and then checks low to high per the credit union's policy. We reserve the right to change the order of payment without notice to you if we suspect fraud or possible illegal activity affecting your account. Also, please be aware that the order we pay your items in may create multiple overdraft items in a single banking day and you will be charged our paid item Overdraft Fee of \$25.00 for each overdraft item paid.

You may opt out of the privilege at any time, but you are responsible for any overdrawn balances at the time of opting out. Normally, we will not approve an overdraft for you in excess of the predetermined amount assigned to your account type. So as not to exceed your limit, please note that the amount of the overdraft **plus** the credit union's paid item Overdraft Fee of \$25.00 per item will be deducted from the overdraft limit.

We may refuse to pay an overdraft item at any time even though we may have previously paid overdrafts for you. For example, we typically do not pay overdraft items if your account is not in good standing as defined above, or, if based upon our review of your account management, we determine that you are using Member Overdraft Privilege excessively or seem to be using Member Overdraft Privilege as a regular line of credit. You will be charged a returned item NSF Fee of \$25.00 for each item returned.

We will notify you promptly of any non-sufficient funds items paid or returned that you may have; however, we have no obligation to notify you before we pay or return any item. The amount of any overdraft including our paid item Overdraft Fee of \$25.00 and/or a returned item NSF Fee of \$25.00 that you owe us is due and payable upon demand. Even if we do not ask you for payment, you must repay us, no later than 30 calendar days after the creation of the overdraft. If there is an overdraft on an account with more than one owner on the signature card, each owner and agent, if applicable, is jointly and severally liable for all overdrafts including all fees charged.

Member Overdraft Privilege should not be viewed as an encouragement to overdraw your account. To avoid fees, we encourage you to keep track of your account balance by entering all items in your check register, reconcile your check book regularly, and manage your finances responsibly. If you would like to have this service removed from your account, please call 1-800-511-1120.

Please note that your Member Overdraft Privilege limit may be available for each item paid under the limit created by checks and other transactions made using your checking account number, such as a teller withdrawal, an automatic payment (ACH) transaction, or automatic bill payment and recurring debit card payment; and for business account only, ATM and everyday debit card transactions. For all other personal accounts, at your request, we may authorize and pay ATM transfers or withdrawals and everyday debit card purchases using your limit. Your available balance may be affected by authorizations which could create additional overdrafts and associated fees. When you ask for your account balance, please remember the amount we show you does not include your overdraft limit.

LIMITATIONS: Member Overdraft Privilege is a non-contractual courtesy that is available to individually/jointly owned accounts in good standing for personal or business use. Winthrop Area FCU reserves the right to limit participation to one account per household or business and to suspend, revoke, or discontinue this service without prior notice. If your limit is suspended, unless we notify you otherwise or you request this service be removed from your account, your limit will be made available to cover overdrafts again the first business day after you bring your account to a positive end-of-day balance.



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Member Overdraft Privilege

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At times, unanticipated expenses or unforeseen problems can leave you with too little cash in your checking account. Having a check returned due to insufficient funds can be a costly, inconvenient and potentially embarrassing experience.

At **Winthrop Area FCU**, we do not encourage overdrafts. As always, we encourage you to manage your finances responsibly. However, we want to save you from the additional merchant fees and possible damage to your credit history that might result if a check is returned. That's why we provide Member Overdraft Privilege, a special overdraft service for **Winthrop Area FCU's** members.



What is Member Overdraft Privilege?

Member Overdraft Privilege is a discretionary overdraft service requiring no action on your part that provides you a safety net up to an automatically assigned overdraft limit.

Your Member Overdraft Privilege limit may be available for checks and other transactions made using your checking account number or automatic bill payment and recurring debit card payments; and for business accounts only, ATM and everyday debit card transactions. For all other personal accounts, at your request, we may authorize and pay ATM transfers or withdrawals and everyday debit card purchases using your limit.

What does my Member Overdraft Privilege cost?

There is no additional cost associated with this privilege unless you use it. You will be charged our paid item Overdraft Fee of \$25.00 for each overdrawn item created by a traditional paper-based check, a teller withdrawal, an automatic payment (ACH) transaction, or a recurring debit card payments; and for business accounts only, ATM and everyday debit card transactions. Also, for personal accounts, if you have requested us to do so, we may authorize and cover ATM transfers or withdrawals and everyday debit card purchases. Your available balance may be affected by authorizations which could create additional overdrafts and associated fees. For example, three paid items in one day will result in \$75.00 in paid item Overdraft Fees. To help you manage your account, the total fees you have paid for items (both paid and returned) during the current month and for the year-to-date will be reflected on your monthly checking statement.

How does Member Overdraft Privilege work?

As long as you maintain your account in “good standing,” we may approve your overdraft items within your current available Member Overdraft Privilege limit as a non-contractual courtesy.

For Member Overdraft Privilege consideration, your account is in “good standing” if you (1) make sufficient deposits to bring your account to a positive end-of-day balance at least once every 30 calendar days (including the payment of all credit union fees and charges); (2) avoid excessive overdrafts suggesting the use of Member Overdraft Privilege as a continuing line

of credit; and (3) there are no legal orders, levies or liens against your account.

Please note that the amount of the overdraft plus our paid item Overdraft Fee of \$25.00 for each item will be deducted from your overdraft limit. If the item is returned, the returned item NSF Fee of \$25.00 will be deducted from your account. No interest will be charged on the overdraft balance.

Please refer to the member overdraft privilege policy for additional details.

How do I know when I use the overdraft limit?

You will receive an overdraft notice each time items are paid, including fees. You will need to subtract the total fees when balancing your checkbook.

What is my Member Overdraft Privilege limit? If I have two checking accounts, can I get Member Overdraft Privilege on both?

Locate your account type below and make note of the corresponding limit. If you have multiple accounts for your household, you may have a limit on all eligible accounts.

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What if I go beyond my Member Overdraft Privilege limit?

Overdrafts above and beyond your established Member Overdraft Privilege limit may result in checks or other items being returned to the payee. The returned item NSF Fee of \$25.00 will be charged per item and assessed to your account. An OD/NSF notice will be sent to notify you of items paid and/or returned.

How quickly must I repay my Member Overdraft Privilege?

You should make every attempt to bring your account to a positive end-of-day balance as soon as possible, and must do so within 30 calendar days. If you are not able to do so, you will receive a letter from Winthrop Area FCU informing you that your Member Overdraft Privilege limit has been suspended and additional items will be returned. Unless we advise you differently or you request this service be removed from your account, your limit will be made available to cover overdrafts again after you bring your account to a positive end-of-day balance.

What if I am having trouble repaying my Member Overdraft Privilege or use it frequently?

Please contact us at 1-800-511-1120 if: (1) you do not believe you will be able to bring your account to a positive end-of-day balance within the required time period; (2) find that you are using Member Overdraft Privilege more often than you intend; or (3) don't understand why your account becomes overdrawn. We would like to discuss your situation with you.

What are some of the ways I can access my Member Overdraft Privilege limit? Will my limit be reflected in the balance I receive?

The chart below shows the different ways you can access your Member Overdraft Privilege limit and indicates whether or not this limit will be reflected in the balance provided.

Access Points	Is my Member Overdraft Privilege available?	Does the balance provided reflect my Overdraft Privilege limit?
Teller	Yes	No
Writing a Check	Yes	N/A
Debit Card (recurring)	Yes	N/A
Debit Card (everyday)	No**	N/A
ATM Withdrawal	No**	No
ACH - Auto Debit	Yes	N/A
Online Banking	No	No
Bill Pay	Yes	N/A
TellerPhone Banking	No	No

** Member Overdraft Privilege service will be made available to business accounts for ATM or everyday debit card transactions and for personal accounts upon your request. Call 1-800-511-1120 or visit us to arrange for your ATM and debit card coverage.