

Excess Share Insurance (ESI) provides insurance on savings accounts at GenFed for an additional \$250,000 of insurance per member beyond NCUA's federal insurance of \$100,000. That means all your accounts are insured up to \$350,000 at GenFed! IRAs are insured separately so each member is insurable up to \$700,000!

Join us
for your Annual Meeting.
Don't miss it!

Mark your calendar now to attend GenFed's Annual Meeting at your local branch on Friday, May 12, 2006. The meeting will begin 5 to 10 minutes after closing in most branches. Please RSVP by calling your local branch manager.

Board Elections

According to GenFed Federal Credit Union Bylaws, Board vacancies caused by expiration of terms, resignations, etc., are filled annually by committee nomination and/or a petition process. A member wishing to petition for nomination to the Board of Directors must complete the list of tasks below.

If the nomination and petition process results in more than one nominee for each vacancy, an election will not be conducted by mail ballot, but will be conducted in person at the Annual Meeting. There will be no nominations from the floor at the Annual Meeting when there is only one nominee for each position to be filled. Federal law stipulates that the credit union directors serve as volunteers without pay.

- Apply in writing to the "Secretary, GenFed Federal Credit Union, 2492 Wedgewood Drive, Suite G, Akron, OH 44312," stating
 - Intent to seek nomination by petition and;
 - Request for Applicant's Personal Data Form and Official Petition Forms (forms must be obtained from GenFed's corporate office).
- Prior to circulating petitions, the member seeking nomination must sign the paragraph on each sheet which indicates willingness to accept the responsibilities of a director if elected.
- Deliver the following completed forms by noon, February 14, 2006, to the "Secretary, GenFed Federal Credit Union, 2492 Wedgewood Drive, Suite G, Akron, Ohio 44312":
 - The Applicant's Personal Data Form
 - Official Petition Forms Containing the Signatures of GenFed members in good standing as of February 14, 2006, totaling at least one percent (1.0%) of the credit union membership (this requires approximately 200 valid member signatures).


Great Rates!

Rates subject to change on a daily basis. Check with your local branch for most current rates . . . they may be even better than those listed below!

GenFed Loan Solutions

New and Used Cars as low as:	
2004 and newer	4.99% APR
2002 — 2003	5.49% APR
Call for rates on older vehicles.	
Boats, RVs, & Campers as low as:	
	4.99% APR
Motorcycles as low as:	6.99% APR
Real Estate Loans as low as:	
First Mortgage	5.75% APR (fixed)
Second Mortgage	6.75% APR (fixed)
Line of Credit (Prime — .25%)	6.75% APR
(variable rate, LTV up to 85%)	
(Prime)	7.00% APR
(variable rate, LTV 86% - 95%)	
(Check with a loan officer about other purchase mortgage options and rates.)	

Personal Loans as low as: 7.00% APR

GenFed MasterCard, fixed and variable rates as low as:	
Classic MasterCard	12.96% APR
Gold MasterCard	10.80% APR
Platinum MasterCard	9.96% APR

Savings, Checking, & Investing

	Min. to Open/Earn	APY
Share Savings	\$25 / \$100	0.50%
Dividend Checking	\$50 / \$100	0.25%
No Fee Money Market		
	\$2000 - \$20,000	2.79%
	(\$2000 min. to earn)	
	\$20,000 and over	3.04%
IRA Accumulator	\$100 / \$100	2.52%

	Certificates	IRA Certificates
3 month	3.97% APY*	
6 month	4.18% APY	
9 month	4.28% APY	
12 month	4.60% APY	4.71% APY
15 month	4.39% APY	4.49% APY
18 month	4.70% APY	4.80% APY
21 month	4.44% APY	4.54% APY
24 month	4.59% APY	4.70 APY
30 month	4.91% APY	5.01% APY
36 month	4.70% APY	4.80 APY
48 month	4.91% APY	5.01% APY
60 month	5.12% APY	5.22% APY

*3 month certificate is for MINORS ONLY with a minimum of \$500. Refinance of existing GenFed loans subject to applicable fees & conditions. Loans subject to approval and terms. Loan rates as of 12/1/05, include full discounts and subject to change at any time. Contact your branch to determine your discounts. Vehicle loan terms may be limited, based on age of vehicle. Annual percentage yield (APY) on regular savings is accurate as of the last declaration date of 10/1/05. Other savings rates are as of 12/1/05. Penalty will be imposed for early withdrawal on certificates. Certificate rates subject to change at any time. Disclosures available upon request. Fees or early withdrawals could reduce earnings on accounts. We may offer different rates in the future. Contact GenFed staff for more information about current rates, terms and fees. Variable rate HELOC with no minimum rate floor. Rate tied to the Prime Rate and will not exceed the Prime Rate as published in the Wall Street Journal. The rate will only rise if Prime rises and will not exceed 18.00% APR, even if Prime rises above that. HELOC holders are notified quarterly of rate and payment changes.

	
Akron	330.784.5451
Antwerp	419.258.5151
Bryan	419.636.1053
Centralia	618.532.9524
Fairlawn	330.835.9103
Lorain	440.282.4606
Mt. Vernon	618.244.1077
Sheffield Lake	440.949.1782
Shelbyville	317.392.6230
Wadsworth	330.336.2150
Wadsworth (Great Oaks)	330.336.3556

	Branch closed but you want a loan?		Touch-tone Teller:
	Try Loan Phone: 1-877-GF-LOAN-0!		330.794.1220 800.850.5451

HomeBanking @ www.genfed.com

Loose change

Surcharge-Free ATM Lists Available

A list of the surcharge-free ATMs in your area is now available at your local branch or at www.genfed.com. Use any of the listed ATMs without fear of being charged extra. You can also use your debit card at most grocery stores to get cash back. And remember, you have unlimited signature transactions with your debit card.

Think you are headed for trouble?

Do you feel your bills are starting to get away from you? Before contacting an outside agency that may make false promises or actually hurt you more, come to GenFed. If you're not comfortable dealing with creditors or feel overwhelmed by the task of getting your financial house in order, take advantage of the services offered by GenFed Credit Union.

Student Loans and Scholarships

The Carroll, Prather, Young Scholarship awards two \$1,000 scholarships to GenFed members or their children for the pursuit of academic achievement. The winners will be selected based upon a written response to an essay question. Applications must be returned to GenFed's corporate office by March 31, 2006.

Additionally, the Summit Chapter of the Ohio Credit Union League will be awarding one \$1,000 and two \$500 scholarships to students. One winner will advance to a statewide scholarship program sponsored by the Ohio Credit Union League. Applications should be submitted no later than February 28, 2006.

Stop by or call your branch for details and application forms. And don't forget that we offer student loan options to fit your needs!

Wadsworth Community \$1,000 Scholarship

In addition to our Carroll, Prather, Young Scholarships for all GenFed members, each year GenFed also offers a \$1,000 scholarship to anyone in the Wadsworth, Ohio Community. If you live, work or worship in Wadsworth, you are eligible for this scholarship. Stop by GenFed's South Lyman or Great Oaks branch to pick up an application or visit www.genfed.com

Important Numbers

If your GenFed Debit Card is lost or stolen, please call 1-800-523-4175 to report it. If your GenFed MasterCard is lost or stolen, please call 1-800-325-3678 to report it.

Student Loans

If you're going to college and considering a student loan, apply as soon as you're accepted to school. The sooner you return your financial aid application, the better chance you'll have of receiving funds.

GenFed offers a number of loans that can be used for the purpose of educational financing including home equity loans, loans using your vehicle as collateral and signature loans. Plus, ask your local branch for a packet on government student loans.

Offering our Members More

Not all of our member/owners have the same needs. For this reason, GenFed is constantly extending the services we offer and the channels through which we offer them. At GenFed, we are proud to offer our members many electronic service options including Direct Deposit, Automatic Deduction, HomeBanking, Bill Payer, FREDI, eStatements, and Debit Cards. See your local branch for more information or to sign up.

Worry about which car you are going to get!



Not how you are going to pay for it.

Car loans as low as 4.99% APR! Payments on a \$15,000 car loan as low as **\$260.39** per month for 66 months!

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Smart MONEY

www.genfed.com

Cash in on your relatives!



The Sims Family

When you are a member of GenFed, your family members can also become members. It's one of the many ways the people you know and care about can benefit from the great financial services you're receiving from your credit union.

If you enjoy the low loan rates and fees, convenient and friendly services, and higher savings rates you get from your credit union, share us with your family. Credit unions are member-owned nonprofit financial cooperatives dedicated to improving members' lives.

Your spouse, children, siblings, parents, grandparents, and grandchildren (including step or adopted relationships) can all join because you are currently a member. Help improve your family's financial lives today —encourage them to become members of GenFed.

Plus, for a limited time, we will deposit \$5 directly into your existing credit union account for each qualifying new member that you refer to us. Get \$10 for each qualifying new checking with net-pay direct-deposit member (new or current GenFed members) that you refer to GenFed. Better yet, receive \$50 for each new GenFed loan member you refer to GenFed (does not have to be a new GenFed member)! Have the new member, new checking or new loan member present the coupon below when he or she opens an account or loan at GenFed. Once the new account or loan is opened, we will deposit the money into your account. And if all this isn't enough, get a chance to win a \$250 credit on your GenFed MasterCard for referring qualified members. We'll give your referred new members a chance to win as well! Call us to find out who qualifies to join!

Referral Form

(please print)

Eligible NEW Member, NEW Loan Member or NEW Checking with Net-Pay Direct Deposit Member's Name
YOUR Signature
YOUR Name

This Coupon MUST be presented by the new member, new checking member or new loan member for current member to earn the incentive.

Loan must be paid out, checking must be opened and net-pay direct deposit must be started, or new membership must be opened by 6/30/06 to receive the incentive. \$50 incentive will be paid out when coupon is presented by a member that has not had a loan with GenFed in the past (no loan showing on the system) and is available for loans of \$10,000 or greater. The non-loan member's loan must be paid out for the current member to receive the incentive money. \$10 incentive will be paid out when coupon is presented by a member that has not had a checking account with GenFed in the past (no account showing on the system) and once the net pay direct deposit has started. Members can't refer themselves for the incentive. Coupon MUST be presented by the new member, new checking account member, or new loan member for current member to earn the incentive. Incentive program may be discontinued at anytime without notice. The member must have a GenFed MasterCard to win the drawing.

Kid's CORNER!

Calling All Artists

Don't forget to pick up your entry for the Johnny Appleseed Calendar Coloring Contest next time you make a deposit.

But, hurry! Your entry is due by July 31.

If you win, your drawing will be published in the 2007 Johnny Appleseed Calendar!

Win a Nintendo Game Boy!

If you receive a Johnny Appleseed postcard, you can win a Nintendo Game Boy! Just return your Johnny Appleseed postcard to your branch by the 15th of each month to receive an entry.

Paperless is Popular

Point. Click. Pay. The ease and convenience of electronic bill paying is gaining popularity. **Nearly eight million Americans already pay some bills online**, and it's estimated that 24 million people switched paper checks for computer-generated payments in 2005.

Many payments can be made directly through each biller's web site, but it's even more convenient to pay all the bills at one site. When looking for such a service, start with your credit union. **GenFed offers Bill Payer available through HomeBanking.**

A payee list can be easily set up online, with the scheduled payment dates. From that point on, bill paying becomes paperless and painless.

Besides being handy, electronic payments also save money in postage, checks, and even the handling fees charged by some businesses.

Visit www.genfed.com and click 'Bill Pay' in the top right corner for a demo and to sign up today! **Try it free for 60 days!** You can schedule payments in advance, pay all bills from one screen, and transfer funds between institutions. Plus, we have 24/7 toll-free member support at (888) 918-7533.

And don't forget eStatements, GenFed's 'No Mess' Paperless statement, another popular option!

Welcome to the Family!

Centralia Order of the Eastern Star: Centralia, Illinois
Salem Times Commoner: Salem, Illinois
Trout's Home Cleaning Service: Ravenna, Ohio
Universal Fastener and Supply: Canton, Ohio
Epilepsy Foundation of Southern Illinois: Mt. Vernon, Illinois
ServiceMaster Clean: Akron, Ohio

If you have family or friends who work for these companies, please help spread the word to them that they are now eligible to join GenFed Federal Credit Union.

Home Equity Line of Credit at 0.25% BELOW prime!

Plus, no fees to open, no annual fees, no usage fees, and no pre-payment penalties!

Not long ago, consumers turned to home equity loans mostly to fund such projects as remodeling the kitchen or building a deck. Not anymore.

Today, people borrow against their home equity to consolidate debt and to pay for medical bills, college tuition, cars, business start-ups — as well as home improvements.

Low rates are one reason for the soaring popularity of home equity loans and lines of credit over other forms of borrowing. An added plus is that the interest paid is usually tax deductible.

And, unlike other financial institutions, we have waived all opening, annual and usage fees along with any pre-payment penalties. Plus rates are as low as .25% BELOW PRIME FOR LIFE! Begin the process by calling your branch or Loan Phone or visiting www.genfed.com.

\$20,000 Home Equity Line of Credit as low as \$177.01 per month for 15 years with 6.75% APR!

GET YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!

Each quarter, GenFed Junior Members receive a GenFed Googolplex Newsletter specially designed for young credit union members their age. There are quarterly contests for each age group outlined in each newsletter. Correct contest entries are placed into drawings for \$25 for children between the ages of 5 and 12, \$50 for ages 13 and 14 and \$100 for ages 15 - 17.

Your child's not a GenFed member? Stop by your local branch to get them started on the right financial track. Once they have an account they will start receiving the GenFed Junior Member Newsletter. This holiday season, start your child on a road to financial success.

HAPPY 95TH BIRTHDAY MR. PRATHER!



One of GenFed's founders, William Prather, turned 95 in December. Mr. Prather has devoted many years to GenFed and continues to enjoy seeing it grow. On behalf of the members and employees of GenFed Federal Credit Union, we would like to wish Mr. Prather another successful and prosperous year.



(Use the formula below to determine the amount you can borrow.)

Appraised Value of Your Home	X	.95	-	Any Liens (1st and 2nd Mortgage Balances)
\$ _____	X	.95	-	\$ _____
=	▶	Home Equity Line of Credit Loan Amount		\$ _____



Antwerp, Ohio now has an ATM!

Our branch located at 5351 US 24 East now has a new ATM to better serve our members!

Checking Your Beneficiaries

Beneficiaries are those who will receive your funds should you die. If you have had changes in your life or in your previous beneficiaries, updating this information is vital. Contact your local branch to review or update your account.

2006 Closed Days:

- New Year's Day Observed 1/2
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 1/16
- Presidents' Day 2/20
- Memorial Day 5/29
- Independence Day 7/4
- Labor Day 9/4
- Columbus Day 10/9
- Thanksgiving 11/23
- Christmas 12/25

Abusive Member Policy

ABUSIVE MEMBERS: Should any individual be physically or verbally abusive to or harass GenFed Federal Credit Union (GFFCU) employees, volunteers or other members while on GFFCU property, or cause physical damage to GFFCU property, the board of directors authorizes Senior Management to contact such individual in order to discuss his or her actions and to inform the individual that his or her conduct will not be tolerated. Abuse shall also include any indication from the member that he or she intends to cause bodily harm to an employee, volunteer or member, threatens to cause physical damage to GFFCU property, or threatens any other type of retaliatory action against the GFFCU.

Specific examples of abusive conduct include, but are not limited to: any type of harassment including sexual, ethnic, or racial harassment; making racial or ethnic slurs; engaging in sexual conduct; making sexual overtures, flirtations, or advances; engaging in sexual, racial, or ethnic verbal abuse; making graphic or degrading comments about individuals or their appearance; displaying sexually suggestive objects or pictures; engaging in offensive or abusive physical contact; making false, vicious, or malicious statements about any GFFCU employee or volunteer, or GFFCU and its services, operations, policies, practices, or management; using profane, abusive, intimidating, or threatening language toward employees or fellow members; attempting to coerce or interfere with GFFCU employees in the performance of their duties; conducting any fraudulent, dishonest, or deceptive activity involving GFFCU employees or services; posting, defacing, or removing notices or signs on GFFCU premises; writing on GFFCU bulletin boards or other surfaces/signage without management's authorization; appropriation or misappropriation of GFFCU funds or property; immoral conduct on GFFCU premises; deliberate or repeated violations of security procedures; possession, use, or being under the influence of drugs or alcoholic substances on GFFCU premises; fighting or possession of weapons of any kind on GFFCU premises; and vandalism of GFFCU property.

Preliminary contact shall normally consist of the Branch Operations Officers notifying the individual that his or her actions are unacceptable and any further actions of a similar nature shall subject the individual to suspension of GFFCU services. Any preliminary conversations shall be followed up with a letter approved by the President/CEO, fully documenting the situation forwarded to the individual by certified mail. Should such activity continue subsequent to the preliminary notification, the individual shall then be prohibited from entering GFFCU property and he or she shall be notified of this action by way of a certified letter approved by the President/CEO and forwarded to his or her address of record.

If conditions or circumstances warrant such action, Senior Management shall retain the right to contact the local law enforcement authorities, as applicable, as well as the right to obtain a restraining order or other form of protective order to legally prohibit entry of the individual on to GFFCU property.

Should an individual who has been denied access to GFFCU property desire to perform financial transactions, such transactions must be requested by mail or telephone. Should such actual or threatened abuse continue via mail or the telephone in violation with the suspension of services provision of this policy, all GFFCU services shall be denied to the offender except for the right to maintain a savings account and the right to vote at meetings of the membership. Should such member attend or indicate that he will be attending a meeting of the membership, GFFCU retains the right to arrange for police protection to ensure for the safety of all members in attendance at such a meeting.

Based upon the severity of the abuse, Senior Management shall retain the right to begin the preliminary notification process and move to immediately suspend services in accordance with the suspension of services provision of this policy.

Formal Documentation of Abuse and Action to be Taken: In the event suspected abuse does occur, the Branch Manager (BM) or Department Head (DH) where the abuse occurred shall be responsible for formally documenting any and all instances of abuse in writing to the individual, including interviewing staff members who were threatened or who had witnessed such abuse taking place. The BM/DH shall then compile a written report detailing such abusive behavior and forward it to the Branch Operations Officers and the President/CEO to discuss the course of action.

When appropriate, the individual shall be notified by way of written correspondence by GFFCU's President/CEO and sent to the individual's address by certified mail. In addition, the account(s) of the individual will be coded by the Executive Secretary located at the GFFCU corporate office shall indicate the reason(s) for any and all actions taken.

This policy will be reviewed and updated as necessary and appropriate in order to comply with any changes or revisions to existing regulations or GFFCU practices which may affect this policy.

Debit Card Safety Tip:

Do not disclose information about your card over the telephone.

No one needs to know your PIN...not even your financial institution. If you perform transactions over the phone using your ATM/debit card, never disclose your PIN.

Nominating Committee Report

There are two vacancies on the Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee reviewed qualifications of potential candidates and selected the following nominees for the Board of Directors:

Mike Bullard, Incumbent, 3 year term
GenFed Member Since: 1974

Employment: Continental Tire of North America
Credit Union Experience: Previous General Tire Employee's Credit Union (Mt. Vernon) Board Member and Credit Committee Chair, previous GenFed Supervisory Committee Member, current GenFed Board Member, Vice Chair and Executive Committee Member.

Reasons for seeking office: Having served on credit union boards of directors in the past and knowing the rewards of providing the best possible services to people I work with every day and their families, I am very much looking forward to contributing to a team that does so much for so many.

Joyce Jones, 3 year term
GenFed Member Since: 1975

Employment: GenFed Federal Credit Union
Credit Union Experience: Previous General Tire Employees Credit Union employee, GenFed Branch Manager, Branch Operations Officer, Vice President of Operations, and current CEO.

Reasons for seeking office: After serving members in the Mt. Vernon branch for 22 years and then having the opportunity to experience operations and CEO roles for the past 9 years, I feel well-equipped to understand the needs and expectations of GenFed members and will passionately serve on the Board of Directors to help assure the highest level of service and satisfaction to our members.

GenFed Federal Credit Union Privacy Notice

GenFed Federal Credit Union is owned by its members and run by a board of directors you elect. You can be confident that your financial privacy is a top priority of this credit union. We are required by law to give you this privacy notice to explain how we collect, use, and safeguard your personal financial information. If you have any questions, please contact a member service representative at your local branch.

GenFed Federal Credit Union collects nonpublic personal information about you from the following sources:

- *Information we receive from you on applications or other forms;
- *Information about your transactions with us or others; and
- *Information we receive from a consumer-reporting agency.

We are committed to providing you with competitive products and services designed to meet your financial needs, which necessitates that we share information about you to complete your transactions and to provide you with certain financial opportunities. In order to do so, we have entered into privacy agreements with carefully selected, credible companies that provide either services to us or additional financial products for you to consider.

We may disclose all of the information we collect as described above to other financial institutions with whom we have joint marketing agreements.

We may also disclose information we collect about you under other circumstances as permitted or required by law. These disclosures typically include information to process transactions on your behalf, conduct the operations of our credit union (sometimes utilizing independent auditors), follow your instructions, or protect the security of our financial records.

GenFed Federal Credit Union restricts access to nonpublic personal information about you to those employees who have a specific business purpose for using it. Our employees are trained on the importance of maintaining confidentiality and member privacy. We maintain physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards that comply with federal regulations and leading industry practices to safeguard your nonpublic personal information.

GenFed Federal Credit Union continues to develop new and exciting opportunities for our members. As such, we reserve the right to disclose nonpublic personal information (such as information we receive from you on applications or other forms) to financial service providers.