



COMMUNICATOR

Home Equity Loans

Thinking about adding on? Trying to lower your monthly loan and credit card payments? If so, it's time for you to consider a home equity loan from your credit union. Benefits include:

- 4.75% APR* (Prime less 1/4%)
- No fees
- Limits up to 80% of the appraised value (less mortgage & liens)
- Credit limits from \$5,000 to \$100,000
- Interest may be tax deductible*

Home equity loans are a good source of money for home improvements or repairs, college tuition, debt consolidation and more. You can also consolidate higher-rate credit cards, auto loans and personal loans into your equity loan. Doing so can extend the amount of time you have to repay your debts, and lower your monthly payments. Plus, it may also convert non-deductible interest into tax-deductible interest.*

Let our knowledgeable loan representatives at Michigan Columbus Federal Credit Union show you how to put the equity in your home to work for you. Apply today!

*APR = Annual Percentage Rate. Rate subject to change. Consult your tax advisor.

4.75% APR*
Prime Less 1/4%



Skip-A-Payment

The holiday season has come and gone, and now you're stuck with all the bills. If you have a loan with Michigan Columbus Federal Credit Union, you may be eligible to postpone the payments on your loans and have extra cash for other things. If you have payroll deduction, any funds in your account will be available for you to withdraw, provided you have arranged for Skip-A-Payment.* Use your cash for any reason.

To request Skip-A-Payment, call the loan department at 734-425-5080 or stop by the credit union office.

**Members must qualify and may only skip one payment on each loan per year. Loans not eligible are: mortgages, home equity loans, and VISA credit cards. Finance charges will continue to accrue on your outstanding loan balances. A fee of \$20.00 will be charged for each loan payment skipped. Ask for details.*



AAA's New & Improved Discounts

As a member of the AAA Group Insurance program, you always have access to quality coverage and service, and beginning in 2005, a wide variety of discounts will be available to you.

Auto Insurance

- Prior insurance carrier discount
- Discounts for seat belt usage
- Discounts for high school or college-aged students who maintain a B or better average
- Discounts for insuring multiple vehicles through AAA
- Discounts for air bags and anti-theft devices

Homeowners Insurance

- Discount for newer/renovated condos built within the last five years
- Increased discounts for new/renovated homes
- Increased senior discounts (ages 50 and above) for renters & condo policies
- Increased Premier discount (ages 55 and above)
- Multi-product discounts
- Home security discount

Not signed up yet? Get a quote today! For more information on these exclusive AAA Group discounts, contact your local AAA office or call us toll free at 800-AAA-MICH.

Friendly Bill Pay

It's Fast & FREE!

No more checks to write, no more stamps to buy, and no more envelopes to seal. Sign up for Friendly Bill Pay and pay your bills online for FREE! Just some of the benefits include:

- Pay almost anyone
- Make payments today, schedule future payments, or set up recurring payments
- Pay varying amounts at the click of a button
- Scheduled payments can be reviewed or changed up to the day before the scheduled withdrawal
- Review payee detail

Sign up now at www.mcfcu.net and click on the Home Banking button. You'll be set up in just 24 hours.



IRA Contributions

An Individual Retirement Account (IRA) is an excellent resource for growing your retirement portfolio. You enjoy the benefits of compounding growth and tax savings. If you haven't contributed to your IRA for 2004, it's not too late to take advantage of tax savings. You can make contributions until Friday, April 15, 2005 for the 2004 tax year. Michigan Columbus offers three types of accounts.

Roth IRA – Earnings grow tax-free, provided you hold the account for at least five years and don't make withdrawals until you're at least age 59 1/2.

Traditional IRA - Earnings grow tax deferred and your annual contribution may be tax-deductible.

Coverdell ESA - The money contributed grows tax-free until distribution and the beneficiary will not owe any tax if withdrawn for qualified higher education expenses at eligible educational institutions.

Save on taxes and open your IRA account today! For additional information on qualifications and provisions, call 734-425-5080 or stop by the credit union.

All IRAs have specific rules. We recommend that you consult with your tax preparer regarding your IRA eligibility.

WHY WE'RE THE PLACE FOR A MORTGAGE LOAN

Is one source for a thirty-year fixed rate mortgage better than another? After all, by definition, a conventional loan is conventional because every lender that offers them essentially puts the same documents together.

Our many members who have used this credit union for their mortgage loans will tell you there's a huge difference. Just ask them!

You see, just because those thirty-year fixed-rate conventional loans are the most common type of mortgage loan doesn't mean they are the right fit for everyone. There are dozens of other types of mortgage loans available in the market, and some of them carry some real advantages for people whose circumstances fit these loan products.

So how do you determine what the right loan product is to fit your particular needs? You choose the right lender.

When you utilize a source with many years of experience, someone who puts the member first, someone whose first priority is your financial well-being, you end up with the best of the mortgage world.

Our mortgage consultant, Clay Burke, has been in the business of helping members achieve their financial goals all his adult life (and that's a long time). His clients regularly take the time to tell us how positive the mortgage experience was under Clay's tutelage. These testimonials commonly make reference to Clay's knowledge, his professionalism, his "just get it done" approach, but as importantly, they often mention the feeling they get that Clay simply cares about them and their families. But then, isn't that the way the credit union is supposed to make you feel?

That's the credit union difference. People helping people. Call Clay today for a free consultation. Whether you want to buy a home, you have a need to refinance, or even if you're ready to build the new home of your dreams, we want to make sure you get it done right. Just ask all those members we got it right for!

800-945-4506



Annual Meeting

Sunday, April 17, 2005

George F. Monaghan
Knights of Columbus

19801 Farmington Rd.
Livonia, MI

Meeting: 2:00 p.m.
Dinner & Refreshments

MCFCU Holiday Loan Application



To apply, complete sections 1 and 2 and return this application to your credit union office. We'll process your request right away. Apply soon because this offer ends January 31, 2005.

TRUTH-IN-LENDING DISCLOSURE

\$1,000.00	
ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE: (The cost of your credit as a yearly rate.)	7.99%
Amount Financed: (Amount borrowed)	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL FINANCE CHARGE:* (The dollar amount the credit will cost you.)	\$ 43.93
Total of Payments:* (The amount you will have paid after you have made all payments as scheduled.)	\$ 1,043.93
12 Monthly Payments:*	\$ 87.00

\$1,500.00	
ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE: (The cost of your credit as a yearly rate.)	7.99%
Amount Financed: (Amount borrowed)	\$ 1,500.00
TOTAL FINANCE CHARGE:* (The dollar amount the credit will cost you.)	\$ 128.36
Total of Payments:* (The amount you will have paid after you have made all payments as scheduled.)	\$ 1,628.36
24 Monthly Payments:*	\$ 67.85

\$2,500.00	
ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE: (The cost of your credit as a yearly rate.)	7.99%
Amount Financed: (Amount borrowed)	\$ 2,500.00
TOTAL FINANCE CHARGE:* (The dollar amount the credit will cost you.)	\$ 320.52
Total of Payments:* (The amount you will have paid after you have made all payments as scheduled.)	\$ 2,820.52
36 Monthly Payments:*	\$ 78.35

If your payment is 11 days or more late, you may be charged 20% of the interest due. You are giving a security interest in your credit union accounts in accordance with the "Pledge of Savings" on the reverse side. For additional information, refer to the Note. Asterisk (*) means estimate.

Finance charge may vary with loan date, and your last payment may be less than previous payments. Approval is subject to our normal credit standards and criteria, and you must apply by January 31, 2005 to qualify for the MCFCU Holiday Loan.

INCOME VERIFICATION: MCFCU may require income verification for all loans.

Credit Union Use Only Loan Approved Loan Denied
 Loan Officer _____ Date _____
 Comments _____
 D/I Ratio: _____ Note Mailed _____ by _____

1

MCFCU Account # _____

Name _____
 Spouse's Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 () ()
 Home Phone # _____ Work Phone # _____
 \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____
 Mortgage/Rent Monthly Payment Checking Balance Savings Balance
 Social Security Number _____ Date of Birth _____
 Employer _____ \$ _____
 Position _____ Monthly Salary (Gross) _____ Years There _____
 Previous Employer _____ Years There _____

Amount you wish to borrow:

\$1,000.00 \$1,500.00 \$2,500.00

Purpose of the loan: _____

Deposit the funds into my:

Checking Savings Mail a check

How do you wish to repay your loan?

Transfer from checking Transfer from savings
 By mail or in person

2

By signing below, I (we) apply to Michigan Columbus Federal Credit Union for a Holiday Loan and agree to be bound by the terms outlined under Note on the reverse side. I (We) authorize MCFCU to request and obtain all credit and employment information necessary to process this application.

X _____
 Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

X _____
 Spouse's Signature (if applicable) _____ Date _____

The Credit Union reserves the right to request additional information, if necessary. First-time borrowers are required to complete additional applications. Call the Loan Department for details. This loan cannot be used to pay on existing loans at MCFCU.



Apply Today!



**Michigan Columbus
 FEDERAL CREDIT UNION**

MCFCU HOLIDAY LOAN NOTE

You promise to pay the Credit Union the principal amount plus interest on the unpaid balance according to the payment schedule and rate listed on the reverse side. The rest of the terms and conditions of this Note are listed herein. You also pledge your account in the Credit Union in accordance with the "Pledge of Savings." However, if payments on this loan are up-to-date, Borrower(s) can withdraw shares and/or deposits in excess of the outstanding amount.

- A. Prepayment: You can repay all or any part of this loan at any time without penalty.
- B. If a payment is 11 days or more late, you may be charged 20% of the interest due.
- C. Default: You are in default if you fail to make a payment on this loan on time. You are also in default under this Note if you are in default under the "Security Agreement" (if applicable) or under any security agreement or real estate mortgage securing this loan.
- D. Acceleration: If you are in default, any part of this loan then unpaid and any other amounts you owe under the "Security Agreement" if applicable or under any other security agreement or real estate mortgage securing this loan are due and payable in full without notice to you (unless such a mortgage provides otherwise), at the Credit Union's option.
- E. Waiver of Security: The Credit Union waives any security for this loan or for any refinancing of all or part of this loan or for any sum owing under any security agreement or real estate mortgage securing this loan, other than the security

granted by the "Pledge of Savings" in paragraph G, by any security agreement or real estate mortgage securing this loan and security provided by statute.

- F. Completing Note: You authorize the Credit Union to complete this Note in any necessary respect if it is executed while incomplete.
- G. Pledge of Savings: As security for all amounts owing under this Note and under any security agreement and/or real estate mortgage securing this loan, you pledge all shares and/or deposits (including earnings and additions) you now or in the future have in this Credit Union, but only up to the total of such amounts unpaid from time to time. If you default, you authorize the Credit Union to apply such shares and/or deposits to payment of these amounts. This pledge does not apply to shares and/or deposits in an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) Keogh Plan. Regardless of this pledge, if payments on this loan are up-to-date, Borrower(s) can withdraw shares and/or deposits to the extent indicated on this form.
- H. Insurance Eligibility: A Debtor or Co-Debtor is eligible for insurance hereunder provided he or she is not over the Maximum Age specified in the Schedule for the coverage applied for on each Loan Date. In addition, for disability insurance, the Debtor must be actively and physically present at work in an occupation or employment for wages or profit on a full-time basis for at least 30 hours per week for a period of not less than fourteen days immediately prior to the Effective Date of this certificate. The Co-Debtor is not eligible for disability insurance.

Notice Of Privacy Practices from MCFCU

Important Information About The Personal Data Your Credit Union Collects, And How It Is Used

To assure the continued privacy and confidentiality of your personal financial information, your credit union observes these practices and procedures:

Information We Collect

We collect non-public information about you from some or all of the following sources:

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

Information We Disclose

We do not disclose any non-public personal information about our members and former members to affiliates or non-affiliated third parties except as permitted by law.

Our Security Measures

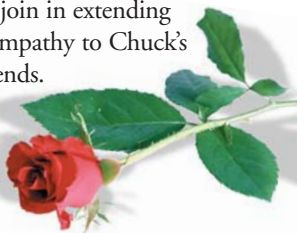
We restrict access to non-public information about you to those employees who need to know that information to provide products or services to you. We maintain physical, electronic and procedural safeguards that comply with Federal regulations to guard your non-public personal information.

This notification meets the notification requirements of the National Credit Union Administration regulation on privacy of consumer information, Part 716.

In Memory of Chuck Zuccarini

It is with regret that we announce the passing of Chuck Zuccarini. Chuck served as a dedicated volunteer on the Board of Directors for many years. His knowledge and experience contributed to the growth and success of the credit union.

All of us at Michigan Columbus Federal Credit Union join in extending our deepest sympathy to Chuck's family and friends. He will be missed.



Happy New Year

All of us at Michigan Columbus Federal Credit Union join in wishing you and your family a very happy and prosperous New Year. We look forward to meeting your financial needs throughout 2005 and many years to come.

Holiday Closings

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, January 17, 2005

Presidents' Day
Monday, February 21, 2005

Good Friday
March 25, 2005 (Closing at 12 noon)



Michigan Columbus
FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

30419 W. Six Mile Road
Livonia, MI 48152
(734)425-5080
Fax: (734)425-1181
(800)452-5094

E-Mail: memberservices@mcfcu.net

Web Site: www.mcfcu.net

OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday &
Thursday: 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Closed Saturday & Sunday

MANAGEMENT

David Busdeker, President
Barb Bennett, Vice President

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jim Molloy, Chairman
Pat Kinney, Vice Chairman
Patrick Casey, Treasurer
John P. O'Brien, Secretary
Frank Sheridan, Director
Frank Urban, Director
Larry Vendal, Director

