

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 Changing Seasons Federal Credit Union, 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 Privilege®, a special overdraft service for Changing Seasons Federal Credit Union members.

### What is Member Privilege®?

Member Privilege is a discretionary overdraft service requiring no action on your part. Your Member Privilege provides you a safety net up to an automatically assigned overdraft limit. For new members, Member Privilege will be available 30 days after account opening if account is in “good standing” as defined in this brochure.

### How does Member Privilege® work?

As long as you maintain your account in “good standing”, we may approve your overdraft items within your current available Member Privilege® limit as a non-contractual courtesy. For member 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 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 Member Privilege® 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 charged on the overdraft balance. *Please refer to the member overdraft policy for additional details.*

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

Your Member Privilege limit is \$300.00. If you have multiple accounts for your household, you may have a limit on all eligible accounts.

### What does my Member Privilege® cost?

There is no additional cost associated with this privilege unless you use it. You will be charged our Member Privilege fee of \$25.00 for each overdrawn items created by a traditional paper-based check, a teller withdrawal, an automatic payment (ACH) transaction, or a recurring debit card payment. Also, if you have requested us to do so, we may authorize and cover ATM transfers or withdrawals and everyday debit card purchases. For example, three paid items in one day will result in the \$75.00 in member privilege 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 check statement.

### 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 if I go beyond my Member Privilege limit?

Overdrafts above and beyond your established Member 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 NSF notice will be sent to notify you of items paid and/or returned.

### How quickly must I repay my Member 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 the credit union informing you that your Member Privilege limit has been suspended and additional items will be returned.

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

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

Access Points	Is My Member Privilege Available?	Does the balance provided reflect my Member 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**	N/A
ACH-Auto Debit	Yes	N/A
Online Banking	Yes	No
Bill Pay	Yes	N/A

*\*\*Member Privilege service will be made available for ATM or everyday debit card transactions upon request. Call 207-945-6264 to arrange for your ATM and debit card coverage.*

### What are some other ways I can cover overdrafts?

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 account regularly and manage your finances responsibly. However, if a mistake occurs, the credit union offers additional ways to cover overdrafts in addition to Member Privilege®.

Ways to cover overdrafts at Changing Seasons FCU	Example of Associates Fees
Good account management	\$0
Link to savings account	\$2.00 transfer fee for each item
Overdraft line of credit	16% APR*
Member Privilege	Fee of \$25.00 for each item

\*Annual Percentage Rate

### **What if I do not want to have Member Privilege on my checking account?**

Member Privilege costs you nothing unless you use it. However, if you would like to have this service removed from your account, please call 207-945-6264.

#### **Member Privilege® Overdraft Policy**

An insufficient balance can result from several events, such as (1) the payment of checks, electronic funds transfers or other withdrawal requests; (2) payments authorized by you; (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 not as yet available or finally paid. We are not obligated to pay any item presented for payment if your account does not contain sufficient funds. However, if you maintain your account in good standing, we may approve your overdrafts within your current available Member Privilege limit as a non-contractual courtesy. Your account is in good standing if you (1) demonstrate responsible account management-such as making regular deposits to bring your account to a positive end-of-day balance at least once every 30 days (including the payment of all credit union fees and charges; (2) avoid excessive overdrafts suggesting the use of Member Privilege as a continuing line of credit, and (3) have not legal orders, levies or liens against your account. In addition, based on our review of your account management, if we determine you may be using Member Privilege as a regular line of credit by creating excessive overdrafts, we may suspend the privilege without any prior notice. In the normal course of business, we generally pay electronic transactions first and then checks (low dollar amount to high dollar amount). 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 of item payment may create multiple overdrafts during a single banking day for which you will be charged our Member Privilege fee of \$25 for each overdraft 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 any 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 Member Privilege fee of \$25 (per item) will be deducted from the overdraft limit. We may refuse to pay an overdraft for you at any time even though we may have previously paid overdrafts for you. You will be charged a NSF of \$25 for each item returned. You will be notified by mail 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 overdrafts plus our Member Privilege fee of \$25 and/or NSF fee of \$25 that you owe us shall be due and payable upon demand. If there is an overdraft paid by us on any account with more than one owner on the signature care, each owner and agent, if applicable, drawing/presenting the item creating the overdraft, shall be jointly and severally liable for such overdraft plus or Membership Privilege fee of \$25. Member Privilege should not be viewed as an encouragement to overdraw your account. As always, we encourage you to manage your finances responsibly. If you would like to have this service removed from your account please call 207-945-6564 to talk with a staff member. Please note that your Member Privilege limit may be available for each item paid under the limit created by checks and other transactions made using your checking account, such as a teller withdrawal, an automatic payment (ACH) transaction, or recurring debit card payment. Also, at your request, we may authorize and pay ATM transfers or withdrawals and everyday debit card purchases using your limit. The limit will not be included in the balance provided during an inquiry. **LIMITATIONS:** Member Privilege is a not-contractual courtesy that is available to individually/jointly owned accounts in good standing for personal or household use. We reserve the right to limit participation to one account per household and to suspend, revoke, or discontinue this service without prior notice.



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