

Member PrivilegeSM Overdraft Protection

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 The Ohio Educational Credit Union (OHECU), we do not encourage overdrafts, we encourage you to manage your finances responsibly. However, to help save you from additional merchant fees and possible damage to your credit history that might result if a check is returned, we make available Member PrivilegeSM Overdraft Protection service for our members.

What is Member Privilege?

Member PrivilegeSM 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 Privilege limit may be available for checks and other transactions made using your checking account number or automatic bill payment and 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.

What does Member Privilege Cost?

There is no additional cost associated with this privilege unless you use it. You will be charged our Member Privilege Paid Item in Lieu of Return fee of \$35 for each overdrawn item 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. You will be charged our Member Privilege ATM or Debit Card Overdraft fee of \$35 for each of these items paid.

For example, two paid check, ACH or recurring debit items and one paid ATM and everyday debit card purchase in one day will result in \$105 in Member Privilege Paid Item in Lieu of Return and Member Privilege ATM or Debit Card 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 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 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 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 Paid Item in Lieu of Return and Member Privilege ATM or Debit Card Overdraft fees of \$35 for each item will be deducted from your overdraft limit. If the item is returned, the Return Share Draft (Check) fee of \$35 will be deducted from your account. No interest will be charged on the overdraft balance. Please refer to the Member Privilege Overdraft Parameters for additional details.

How do I know when I use the Member Privilege 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 Privilege limit? If I have two checking accounts, can I get Member Privilege on both?

Checking Accounts have a \$500 limit. If you have multiple accounts for your household, you may have a limit on all eligible accounts but OHecu reserves the right to limit the total Member Privilege limits to members with multiple accounts.

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 Return Share Draft (Check) fee of \$35 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 OHecu 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 Overdraft 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**	No
ACH-Auto Debit	Yes	N/A
Online Banking	Yes	No
Bill Pay	Yes	N/A
Telephone Banking	Yes	No

** Member Privilege service will be made available for ATM or everyday debit card transactions upon your request. Call the Membership Service Center 877-322-6328 or visit one of our branches to arrange for your ATM and debit card coverage.

How soon can I use my Member Privilege?

If you are a new member, you may be able to use the overdraft privilege service 30 days after your account is opened, assuming your account is in “good standing” as defined in this brochure.

What are some other ways I can cover overdrafts at OHecu?

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, OHecu offers additional ways to cover overdrafts in addition to Member Privilege.

Ways to Cover Overdrafts at OHecu	Example of Associated Fees*
Good account management	\$0
Link to savings account	\$0 to \$5
Overdraft line of credit	14.0% to 25.0% APR*
Member Privilege	Member Privilege Paid Item in Lieu of Return fee of \$35 and/or Member Privilege ATM or Debit Card Overdraft fee of \$35

* These costs are provided only as examples. Please ask us about our specific products and fees.

What if I do not want to have Member Privilege on my checking or money market account?

If you would like to have this service removed from your account, please call the Membership Service Center 877-322-6328 or visit one of our branches.

Member Privilege Overdraft Parameters

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 the member; (3) the return of unpaid items deposited by the member; (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. The Ohio Educational Credit Union (OHecu) is not obligated to pay any item presented for payment if the account does not contain sufficient funds.

As long as the member maintains the account in “good standing,” OHecu may approve the overdraft items within the current available Member Privilege limit as a non-contractual courtesy. For overdraft privilege consideration, the account is in “good standing” if the member (1) makes sufficient deposits to bring the 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) avoids 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 the account.

In the normal course of business, OHecu generally pays electronic transactions in the order they are presented and checks from lowest amount to the highest amount, per the Credit Union's policy. OHecu reserves the right to change the order of payment without notice to the member if OHecu suspects fraud or possible illegal activity affecting the account. The order of item payment may create multiple overdraft items during a single banking day for which the member will be charged our Member Privilege Paid Item in Lieu of Return fee of \$35 for each check, ACH or recurring debit overdraft item paid or our Member Privilege ATM or Debit Card Overdraft fee of \$35 for each ATM and one-time debit card overdraft paid.

The member may opt out of the privilege at any time, but the member is responsible for any overdrawn balances at the time of opting out. Normally, OHecu will not approve an overdraft for the member in excess of the predetermined amount assigned to the account type. The amount of the overdraft plus the credit union's Member Privilege Paid Item in Lieu of Return fee of \$35 for each check, ACH or recurring debit overdraft item paid or our Member Privilege ATM or Debit Card Overdraft fee of \$35 for each ATM and one-time debit card overdraft paid will be deducted from the overdraft limit.

OHecu may refuse to pay an overdraft item at any time even though OHecu may have previously paid overdrafts for the member. For example, OHecu typically does not pay overdraft items if the account is not in good standing as defined above, or if based upon its review of the account management, OHecu determines that the member has too many overdrafts or is using Member Privilege as a regular line of credit. The member will be charged a Return Share Draft (Check) fee of \$35 for each item returned.

The member will be notified by mail of any non-sufficient funds items paid or returned that the member may have; however, OHecu has no obligation to notify the member before the item is paid or returned. The amount of any overdraft including our Member Privilege Paid Item in Lieu of Return fee of \$35 for each check, ACH or recurring debit overdraft item paid or our Member Privilege ATM or Debit Card Overdraft fee of \$35 for each ATM and one-time debit card overdraft paid and/or a Return Share Draft (Check) fee of \$35 that the member owes OHecu shall be due and payable upon demand, but if no demand is made, 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, shall be jointly and severally liable for all overdrafts inclusive of fees.

Member Privilege should not be viewed as an encouragement to overdraw the account. To avoid fees, OHecu encourages the member to keep track of his/her account balance by entering all items in the check register, reconcile his/her check book regularly, and manage his/her finances responsibly. The member can call any branch or the Membership Service Center to have this service removed from the account.

The Member Privilege limit may be available using traditional paper-based check processing, a teller withdrawal, an ACH transaction, a recurring point-of-sale transaction, or through Online Banking, Bill Pay, or Telephone Banking. Additionally included with proper "Opt In" documentation from the member (or joint member), OHecu may authorize and cover transactions from an ATM and one-time use point-of-sale terminal transactions. The limit will not be included in the balance provided during an inquiry.

LIMITATIONS: Member Privilege is a non-contractual courtesy that is available to individually/jointly owned accounts in good standing for personal or household use. The Ohio Educational Credit Union reserves the right to limit participation to one account per household and to suspend, revoke, or discontinue this service without prior notice. 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 the first business day after you bring your account to a positive end-of-day balance.