

# member privilege®

## OVERDRAFT PRIVILEGE FOR YOUR CHECKING ACCOUNT

### What is Member Privilege®?

Member 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 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. Also, at your request, we may authorize and pay ATM transfers or withdrawals and everyday debit card purchases using your limit.

### How does Member Privilege work?<sup>1</sup>

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

<sup>1</sup>Please refer to the member overdraft policy for additional details.

Please note that the amount of the overdraft plus our Paid Overdraft Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF) fee of \$32 for each item will be deducted from your overdraft limit. If the item is returned, our Returned NSF fee of \$32 will be deducted from your account as well. No interest will be charged on the overdraft balance.

### What does Member Privilege cost?

There is no additional cost associated with this privilege unless you use it. You will be charged our Paid Overdraft NSF fee of \$32 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. 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 \$96 in Paid Overdraft NSF 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.

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

Your Member Privilege limit is \$500. If you have multiple accounts for your household, you may have a limit on each eligible account.

### 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 First Bristol Federal Credit Union informing you that your Member Privilege limit has been suspended and additional items will be returned. 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.

### 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 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 limit available?	Does the balance provided reflect my Member Privilege limit?
Teller	Yes	No
Writing a Check	Yes	-NA-
Debit Card (recurring)	Yes	-NA-
Debit Card (everyday)	No <sup>2</sup>	-NA-
ATM Withdrawal	No <sup>2</sup>	No
ACH- Auto Debit	Yes	-NA-
Online Banking	No	No
Bill Pay	Yes	-NA-
Telephone Banking	No	No

<sup>2</sup>Member Privilege service will be made available for ATM or everyday debit card transactions upon your request. Call (860) 584-0956 or visit one of our branches to arrange for your ATM and debit card coverage.

## 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. A Returned NSF fee of \$32 will be charged per item and assessed to your account.

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

Please contact us at (860) 584-0956 if you: (1) 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 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.

If we notice that you are paying excessive Overdraft Fees, we may contact you to discuss possible alternatives to Member Privilege that may better meet your short-term credit needs.

In the event that you ask us not to contact you because you have determined Member Privilege is appropriate for your needs, we will honor your wishes. However, if we identify that the number and frequency of overdrafts increases materially for an extended period of time at some point after that, we may contact you again to ensure Member Privilege is still the most appropriate option available to you or covering your short-term credit needs.

## How soon can I use my Member Privilege?

If you are a new member, you may be able to use the Member 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 First Bristol Federal Credit Union?

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 checkbook regularly and manage your finances responsibly. However, if a mistake occurs, First Bristol Federal Credit Union offers additional ways to cover overdrafts in addition to Member Privilege.

Ways to Cover Overdrafts at First Bristol Federal Credit Union	Example of Associated Fees <sup>3</sup>
Good account management	\$0
Link to savings account	\$10 transfer fee
Member Privilege	Paid Overdraft NSF fee of \$32 for each item

<sup>3</sup> This information is effective as of September 2017 and is provided as examples. Please ask us about our current specific products, rates and fees.

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

If you would like to have this service removed from your account, please call (860) 584-0956.



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## MEMBER OVERDRAFT 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; (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 Privilege limit as a non-contractual courtesy. For overdraft privilege consideration, your account is in "good 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 Privilege as a continuing line of credit; and (3) have no legal orders, levies or liens against your account.

In the normal course of business, we generally pay electronic transactions first and then checks beginning with the lowest dollar amount, 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 Overdraft NSF fee of \$32 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 Overdraft NSF fee of \$32 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 Privilege excessively or seem to be using Member Privilege as a regular line of credit. You will be charged a Returned NSF fee of \$32 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 Overdraft NSF fee of \$32 and/or a Returned NSF fee of \$32 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 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 checkbook regularly, and manage your finances responsibly. If you would like to have this service removed from your account, please call (860) 584-0956.

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 number, such as a teller withdrawal, an automatic payment (ACH) transaction, 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. 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 Privilege is a non-contractual courtesy that is available to individually/jointly owned accounts in good standing for personal or household use. First Bristol Federal Credit Union reserves the right to limit participation to one account per household 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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