

Maxims

## Firestone Federal Credit Union

## SAVE WHERI YOU BORROW - BORROW WHERE YOU SAVE



Estimated payment on a 4.00\% A.P.R. Holiday 12 loan for 12 months is \$85.16 per \$1,000. The Holiday 12 loan is available from November 1, 2023 _January 31, 2024. All loans are subject to credit approval. Holiday 12 is a closed-end loan product. A pre-existing Holiday Loan will be combined with the new Holiday Loan for a maximum loan amount of \$3,000.

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## 2023 MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION

Refer a new member and your name will be put in a drawing for $\$ 100$ Join today and your name will be put in a drawing for $\$ 100$

Names will be entered the same month the new account(s) are opened.

Previous drawings were held on October 2nd and November 1st. The last drawing will be on December 1st.
Membership eligibility includes-Immediate family members, which also includes step relations and same household. Friends/Co-workers-employed by Bridgestone/Firestone or one of our SEG groups. Contact us for more information regarding membership eligibility.
There will be one name drawn each month for "New Member" and "Referring Member." The funds will be credited to the winning members account. Non-winning slips will be shredded each month. The promotion runs from September 1, 2023 -November 30, 2023.

## Safeguard Yourself Against Student Loan Scams

As we usher in fall, millions of borrowers are resuming their monthly student loan payments. But unfortunately, students aren't the only individuals with money on their mind. If you're a student or graduate, it's crucial to be aware of online scammers who target borrowers with the aim of cashing in. Here are some strategies for protecting yourself and your finances.
Recognize Common Scams
Safeguarding yourself begins with awareness. Here are some of the most prevalent student loan scams:

1. Advanced Fee: Scammers promise to reduce your loan balance or lower interest rates in exchange for an upfront fee. Legitimate loan servicers do not charge fees for federal student loan assistance.
2. Phishing: Scammers impersonate official loan servicers or government agencies through emails, websites, or phone calls, aiming to steal your personal information, including your Social Security number and financial details.
3. Forgiveness: Scammers claim to offer immediate loan forgiveness, even if you don't qualify. They may request payment for this service or try to steal your personal information.
4. Fake Loan Consolidation: Scammers may promise to consolidate your loans into a single, low-interest loan. They may charge fees or steal your identity during the process.

## Verify Loan Servicer

This is an important step to take in general, as many loan servicers changed during the pandemic. Verify your loan servicer by visiting the official Federal Student Aid website. If you have private loans, review any correspondence you've received from your original loan servicer. You can also ask your school's financial aid office for help in finding that information or pull your credit reports at AnnualCreditReport.com.
Monitor Your Credit Report
You can obtain a free annual credit report from each of the three major credit bureaus (Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion) on AnnualCredit-
Report.com. Review these reports carefully for any discrepancies, unfamiliar accounts or any unauthorized activity related to your student loans.

## Report Suspicious Activity

If you suspect you've encountered a student loan scam or have fallen victim to one, report it at once. Contact the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and your loan servicer directly (for federal loans, you can submit a complaint online).

This article is shared by our partners at GreenPath Financial Wellness, a trusted national non-profit organization.

| AKRON | Staff Extensions Automated Telephone Number 234-352-1095 | Identity Theft Reporting |
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|  |  | Call Us Immediately! 1-888-740-8351 <br> Experian 1-888-397-3742 <br> Equifax 1-888-766-0008 TransUnion 1-800-680-7289 Federal Trade Commission 1-877-438-4338 |
| Local Phone: 234-352-1100 | Beth......................... 220 |  |
| Fax: 330-724-2590 | Carrie........................ 112 | CU Members Mortgage |
| Toll-Free: 888-740-8351 | Cathie......................... 200 | For mortgage loans outside of the states of |
| Mailing Address 31 Hanna Parkway Akron, OH 44319 | Kara............................. 110 Linda............................. 222 | Ohio and Tennessee, call 1-800-607-3474 or visit their website: www.cumembershomeloan.com/CUSouth |
| Hours: Monday-Friday 8:15-4:15 E.S.T. | Melanie...................... 221 | E-Mail - southwestcu@homeloancu.com |
| SCOREBOARD <br> September 30, 2023 | Mortgage Loan Originators (MLO) | You can reach the following staff members at 234-352-1100 <br> Sara, Hope and Darla |
| Assets.................. $\$ 213,447,577$ | Carrie..................... 853880 | Website - www.fofcu.com |
| Shares...................\$177,173,570 | Cathie................... 1989957 | Website - www.fofcu.com |
| Loans.................. $\$ 28,723,147$ | Kara...................... 1245004 | E-Mail - fstonecu@fstonecu.com |


| Loan and Savings Policies (All loans are subject to credit approval) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| SECURED LOANS | Annual Rate | Terms | $\text { Minimum Payment } \underset{\$ 1,000}{ }$ | per | Amount and Conditions | Requirements |
| Regular Share Pledged | $\begin{aligned} & 5.50 \% \\ & 3.50 \% \end{aligned}$ | Up to 72 months Up to 36 months |  |  | None | 95\% of Pledged Shares |
| Term Shares Pledged | See Note | Balloon |  |  | None | Rate is $3.5 \%$ over term share rate |
| New Vehicles 2024-2022 (untitled) | $\begin{aligned} & 4.49 \% \\ & 4.99 \% \\ & 5.49 \% \\ & 5.99 \% \end{aligned}$ | 42 months 60 months 72 months 84 months | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 25.78 \\ & \$ 18.88 \\ & \$ 16.34 \\ & \$ 14.61 \end{aligned}$ |  | Purchase Price Purchase Price Purchase Price \$30,000 and over | Copy of Purchase Order |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Used Autos } \\ & 2023-2020 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5.99 \% \\ & 6.49 \% \end{aligned}$ | Up to 60 months Up to 72 months | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 19.33 \\ & \$ 16.81 \end{aligned}$ |  | Purchase Price \$30,000 and over | Copy of Purchase Order |
| Used Autos 2019 and older | 6.99\% | Up to 60 months | \$19.81 |  | Purchase Price | Copy of Purchase Order |
| Other Collateral | 7.25\% | Up to 72 months | \$17.18 |  | Up to 100\% Financing | Copy of Purchase Order |
| CO-MAKER LOANS | Annual Rate | Terms | $\begin{gathered} \text { Minimum Payment } \\ \$ 1,000 \end{gathered}$ | per | Amount and Conditions | Requirements |
| Max-E Line Educational L.O.C. | 6.75\% | Up to 84 months | \$14.97 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 20,000 \text { limit Revolving } \\ & \text { L.O.C. } \end{aligned}$ | Copy of bills and acceptable Co-Maker |
| Co-Maker | 8.75\% | Up to 60 months | \$20.64 |  | \$20,000 limit | Acceptable Co-Maker |
| UNSECURED LOANS | Annual Rate | Terms | $\begin{gathered} \text { Minimum Payment } \\ \$ 1,000 \end{gathered}$ | per | Amount and Conditions | Requirements |
| Unsecured Loans | 8.75\% | Up to 40 months | \$28.91 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 10,000 \text { limit } \\ & \text { Closed-end loan } \end{aligned}$ | Signature |
| Max-A Line Unsecured L.O.C. | 8.75\% | Up to 40 months | \$28.91 |  | \$10,000 limit Open-end loan | Signature |
| Signature30 | 6.99\% | Up to 30 months | \$36.43 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 5,000 \text { limit } \\ & \text { Closed-end loan } \end{aligned}$ | Signature |


| OWNER-OCCUPIED HOMES IN OHIO \& TENNESSEE ONLY |  |  |  |  |
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| 1st Mortgages | Loan-to-Value | Rate | Maximum | Payment per \$1,000 |
| 10 Year/120 months | 80\% | 6.75\% | \$500,000 | \$11.49 |
| 15 Year/180 months | 80\% | 6.85\% | \$500,000 | \$8.91 |
| 15 Year/180 months | 90\% | 6.95\% | \$500,000 | \$8.98 |
| 20 Year/240 months | 80\% | 7.05\% | \$500,000 | \$7.79 |
| 20 Year/240 months | 90\% | 7.15\% | \$500,000 | \$7.85 |
| 30 Year/360 months | 80\% | 7.25\% | \$500,000 | \$6.83 |
| 30 Year/360 months | 90\% | 7.45\% | \$500,000 | \$6.97 |
| 2nd Mortgages | Loan-to-Value | Rate | Maximum | Payment per \$1,000 |
| 10 Year/120 months | 80\% | 8.75\% | \$100,000 | \$12.54 |
| Max-H Line L.O.C. $1 / 2 \%$ of amt. borrowed | 80\% | 7.00\% variable | \$100,000 | 1.5\% of amt. borrowed |
| SHARE ACCOUNTS |  |  |  |  |
| Account Type | Term | Annual \% Yield | Dividend Rate | Compounding Information |
| Regular Share | n/a | .702\% | .70\% | Dividends are calculated by applying the periodic rate to the daily balance in the account and are compounded and posted quarterly. |
| IRA | n/a | 1.202\% | 1.20\% |  |
| Term Share Accounts Regular and IRA | 6 Months | 5.221\% | 5.10\% | Dividends are calculated by applying the periodic rate to the daily balance in the account and are compounded and posted monthly. Penalty for early withdrawal is a maximum of 120 days $^{\prime}$ dividends. A minimum deposit of $\$ 5,000$ is required. |
|  | 1 Year | .702\% | .70\% |  |
|  | 1.5 Year | 4.334\% | 4.25\% |  |
|  | 2 Year | 4.855\% | 4.75\% |  |
|  | 3 Year | 2.018\% | 2.00\% | Your savings federally insured to at least $\$ 250,000$ and backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Government |
|  | 4 Year | 3.042\% | 3.00\% |  |
|  | Regular Share \& IRA Share rates in effect from October 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 Term Share rates effective November 1, 2023 |  |  |  |

