Staff Reports

Union Plus, union strong



J nion Privilege (Union Plus) is a nonprofit organization founded by the AFL-CIO in 1986 to provide excellent consumer Union Plus benefit programs exclusively to union members (current and retired) and their families.

Assistant to the President for Community Services Christina Vela Davidson Its mission, then and now, is simple—to improve the quality of life for working families through unique products and services. Union Plus believes that supporting our union members through good and bad times keeps our unions strong, so it offers financial assistance, includ-

ing strike benefits and other hardship help benefits, that supports union members and their families.

Union Plus benefits were selected by union members, for union members. Union Plus works hard to make life a little easier for you and your family. Union Plus is a non-profit and the *only* consumer benefits organization created and endorsed by the AFL-CIO.

Its mission is to improve the quality of life for union members and their families, provide valuable benefits and services that strengthen the ties of union members to their unions, and contribute funding to the labor movement.

It offers benefits for every aspect of your life, including:

- **Financial products:** It offers union members and their families a wide array of financial products for each step of your financial life, including the Union Plus credit card, prepaid card and personal loan programs. *Note: Credit approval required. Terms and conditions apply. Union Plus Credit Cards are issued by Capital One N.A. pursuant to a license by Mastercard International Inc.*
- **Home and auto programs:** It offers exclusive union member savings and discounts for all your home and automobile needs, such as auto buying and mortgage.
- **Insurance products:** Its insurance products include plans from brands you know and trust, and features home, auto and pet insurance, as well as others.
- Education: Its education programs help you avoid student debt and earn your degree for free when you enroll in our Free College and bachelor's degree programs. If you're already enrolled, apply for our Union Plus Scholarship to help get you to the finish line.
- **Shopping and discounts:** Save on everyday expenses like your monthly wireless phone bill or even going to the movies.

- **Travel benefits:** Its travel benefits are here to make travel cheaper with exclusive discounts on car rental, vacation tours and even hotels and attractions.
- **Hardship help:** Above all other benefits, Union Plus is proud of its hardship help benefits. Hardship help benefits are designed to help union members when they've fallen on hard times, such as when their union goes on strike, they get laid off or even become disabled.

Union Plus believes that our country's middle class was built by union-strong members like you, so it diligently researches every benefit and tailors them to support you and other union members. It is working hard to make life a little easier for you.

Solidarity, savings and support

- **Stand in solidarity:** Because of our strength in numbers, it is able to negotiate exclusive discounts and financial assistance programs just for union members and their families.
- Savings and unique programs—pay it forward: It passes along the exclusive benefits it has negotiated on behalf of union members directly to you. These benefits and programs are *free* to union members and their families.
- Supporting union workers and union-made products: Union Plus is union, and it stands by union. It is committed to supporting U.S.-based and union workers, right down to using union printers and union-made products in its offices. Even its staff are members of the Office and Professional Employees International Union, Local 2.

Union Plus has negotiated with some of the biggest names and brands to get you the discounts you deserve and the benefits working union members need, such as hardship help, strike grants and disability benefits.

If you are a current or retired NALC member, you are automatically eligible for NALC's Union Plus benefits. Oftentimes, your parents, spouse and children also are eligible. No Union Plus membership, no fees, no waiting period, no hassle.

How to get your Union Plus benefits

Getting started could not be easier. Go to nalc.org/ community-service/union-plus and click on the red Union Plus[®] benefits and sign up. Or simply type in unionplus. org/?modal=register and start using your benefits and discounts today!