Staff Reports

Union Plus is union strong



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nion Plus is a nonprofit organization founded by the AFL-CIO in 1986 to provide excellent consumer benefit programs exclusively to union members (current and retired) and their families. Its mission, then and now, is simple—to improve the quality of life for working families through unique products and services. It believes that supporting union members through good and bad times keeps unions strong.

Union Plus provides valuable benefits and services that strengthen the ties of union members to their unions, and contributes funding to the labor movement. It also offers unique financial assistance, including strike benefits and other hardship benefits, that support union members and their families.

The benefits were selected by union members, for union members. Union Plus is a nonprofit and the only consumer benefits organization created and endorsed by the AFL-CIO.

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. 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 savings and discounts for all your home and auto needs, such as when buying a car or taking out a home mortgage.

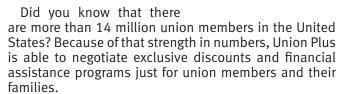
Education—Its education programs help you avoid student debt and earn your degree for free when you enroll in the free college and bachelor's degree programs. If you're already enrolled, apply for the Union Plus Scholarship to help get you to the finish line.

Shopping and discounts—Save on everyday expenses, such as monthly wireless phone bills with AT&T, everyday purchases, 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.

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



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. There's no membership—if you're a current or retired union member or a family member—you're in.

Union Plus is union, and it stands by union. It's committed to supporting U.S. union workers, right down to using union printers and union-made products in its offices. Even the staff are members of OPEIU 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 union member, you are automatically eligible for your union's Union Plus benefits. Oftentimes, your parents, spouse and children also are eligible. No Union Plus membership is required and there are no fees, no waiting period, no hassle.

If your family member is not a union member due to the kind of job they have, consider joining Working America for free.

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, unionplus.org/?modal=register and start using your benefits and discounts today!

I've already taken advantage of many of the savings available. Check them out online. Don't be shy, brothers and sisters. These savings are for you and you definitely deserve them.





Money-Saving Programs for NALC Members

Union Plus Credit Card Program



We offer several card choices¹. Each card has different features and all offer competitive rates. After three months, you may be eligible for exclusive hardship assistance grants² in times of need. Visit **theunioncard.com**.

Union Plus Flower & Gift Discounts



Union members save 25% on hand-delivered flower arrangements, chocolate treats and gift baskets from Teleflora. Includes same-day flower delivery options and international service. 100% satisfaction guaranteed. Visit unionplus.org/flowers.

Union Plus Mortgage Program



Buying or refinancing a home for you and your children is easy and affordable with the Union Plus Mortgage Program. Our unique assistance program helps you make mortgage payments in time of need. Visit unionplus.org/mortgage.

Union Plus
Auto Buying
Service



No-hassle car buying service helps you save time and thousands of dollars when buying a new or used car or truck. Lock in your member savings from home. Visit **unionplus.org/autobuying**.

Union Plus Everyday Discounts



Your one stop shop for booking travel and accessing discounts on restaurants, movie tickets, shopping and more. We also offer savings at theme parks, concerts, theaters and sporting events. Visit unionplus.org/discounts.

Union Plus Scholarship Program



Apply for a Union Plus scholarship, with cash awards ranging from \$500 to \$4,000 for undergraduate and graduate students. Join the thousands of union families who've benefited. Visit unionplus.org/scholarships.

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