

# 2026 David J. Spatz Scholarship Winners



**Preston Wiemer**  
**First Place \$1,000**

Concordia University - Seward  
Preston is a Biology Major on a Pre-Pharmacy track



**Carter Ebbers**  
**Second Place \$750**

Northwest Missouri State University  
Carter is majoring in Communication



**Evan Click**  
**Third Place \$500**

University of Nebraska - Omaha  
Evan is majoring in Mathematics with a Concentration in Data Sciences

As a reminder to all members, the David J. Spatz Scholarship Contest opens on February 1 of each year and all members who have accounts by December 31, 2026 who are high school seniors and those members attending college in the fall of 2027 would be eligible to write an essay (the essay subject is released on February 1).

**Thank you to all the members who brought in donations to support our Troops!**  
**The items have been shipped to some of our members who are currently serving overseas.**  
**We appreciate all the support you provide to our military members.**



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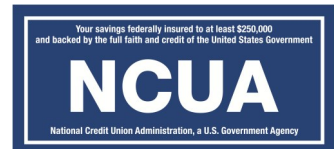
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May 2026 Edition



**Office Closing**  
May 25 - Memorial Day  
June 19 - Juneteenth  
July 3 - Independence Day





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# Debit Cards: Tap Cards have been released



At last year's Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors asked the members in attendance what products they would like to make the Credit Union more competitive with other financial institutions. The resounding reply was tap debit cards. The Directors weighed the pros and cons and decided to implement this service. After getting the program approved with our vendor (it took awhile!), we have finished testing the cards. We are excited to announce that in April 2026, all renewal cards and new cards issued will be tap debit cards. If members would like to order a tap card before their renewal date, they can contact the office. There will be a \$10 fee to issue the card if you are not in your renewal period. Tap cards cost us more to generate so the fee helps to offset the expense and keeps us within our budget. The tap cards offer more protection than the traditional chip cards. Benefits of the tap card are:

- ☆ **Security:** Each transaction generates a unique, one-time code that makes it extremely difficult for fraudsters to use stolen information.
- ☆ **Quicker Transactions:** Tapping is generally faster than inserting or swiping your card, allowing for quick, "tap-and-go" payments.
- ☆ **Reduced Fraud & Risk:** Since you are not swiping your card, it is less vulnerable to card-skimming devices.
- ☆ **Convenience:** Simply tap your card within an inch of the contactless symbol on the terminal. 
- ☆ **Widely Accepted:** Accepted at most merchants. Look for the contactless symbol.  For those merchants who do not have this newer technology, you can still insert your card and get the authorization with your chip.

## "I Voted Today"



When does it pay to vote? When you apply for a loan at Spirit of America and give us your "I Voted Today" sticker from the voting booth! You'll receive a .50% discount on any new money loan of \$5,000 or more\*.

Exercise your democratic right and vote in the Primary Election, then stop by your Credit Union with your "I Voted Today" sticker May 12 to May 19, 2026 to receive a great loan rate! If you attended the Annual Meeting on April 23rd be sure to use your Wooden Nickel for an even greater discount of another .50%!

*\*Certain restrictions apply. See your Credit Union for details. Can only be combined with Annual Meeting Wooden Nickel promotion.*



Sirena

Sirena started working at the Credit Union in December of 2025. Sirena enjoys going out with her friends and taking her dog for long walks.

The thing she likes most about the Credit Union is the people she works with. They are pretty fun to be around which makes working something to look forward to.



Aiman

Aiman started working at the Credit Union in March of 2026. Aiman enjoys drawing and trying new things.

The thing he likes most about the Credit Union is the stable schedule, non-hostile work environment and the availability of a life/work balance.