

ASPIRE CREDIT UNION



Upcoming Holiday Closures

Federal Holiday

Thursday, January 1, 2026
CLOSED

Federal Holiday

Monday, January 19, 2026
CLOSED

Federal Holiday/ Employee Training Day

Monday, February 16, 2026
CLOSED

Find what's happening at:
www.aspire.creditunion/events

Orange Couch Series!

The Orange Couch Series shines a spotlight on the people who make our credit union truly special, our members and our staff. This summer, we released three new videos sharing their unique stories and celebrating the spirit of our community. You can view the series on our YouTube channel or on Facebook. Have a positive impact story we should highlight? Reach out to Rianne in Marketing, we would love to hear about it!

POD Beneficiary

It is crucial to consistently update your Pay on Death (POD) beneficiary to guarantee that your assets are passed on to the intended recipient. Significant life events, such as marriage, divorce, or the arrival of a child, may necessitate adjustments to your beneficiary designation. By keeping your POD beneficiary information up to date, you can avoid potential legal conflicts and ensure a seamless transfer of assets.

Aspire Announces the Retirement of Longtime Leader, Diane Smith

Aspire Credit Union is proud to celebrate the remarkable career and upcoming retirement of Diane Smith, who has served our members with dedication, heart, and exceptional leadership since April 25, 1994.

For more than 30 years, Diane has been the friendly face and steady hand guiding our Member Service Representative team. As the Member Service Representative Manager, she has led a talented fleet of tellers, helping shape the welcoming, people-first experience our members know and love.



Throughout her tenure, Diane has seen Aspire through rebrands, technology and core processing changes, and countless milestones in our growth. No matter the change, her commitment to our mission and our members never wavered. Many of our long-time members consider her a favorite. Someone who remembers their stories, celebrates their life moments, and always greets them with genuine warmth.

"Diane has truly embodied what it means to Aspire to More," said Kevin Vigested, CEO/President of Aspire Credit Union. "Her leadership, compassion, and unwavering dedication have made Aspire better, for our members, our staff, and our community. Her legacy is one we will feel for years to come."

To honor Diane and the impact she has made over three decades, Aspire Credit Union will host a Retirement Open House on March 20 from 3–5 PM at our Minot location. Members, coworkers, friends, and community partners are invited to stop by, share a memory, and help us celebrate her incredible career.

Please join us as we thank Diane for 31 years of outstanding service and wish her all the joy, adventure, and relaxation she Aspires to in retirement.



Aspire Credit Union Welcomes Harmony Wilkie as Mortgage Loan Processor

Aspire Credit Union is pleased to announce the addition of Harmony Wilkie to its lending team as a Mortgage Loan Processor. In this role, Harmony will support the mortgage process by facilitating paperwork, and keeping the loan documents organized and on time for closing.

Harmony brings more than eight years of document preparation to the team and a passion for helping people reach their goals. With a keen eye for detail and a commitment to member service, she will play a vital part in helping Aspire deliver exceptional home lending solutions to the community.



"We are thrilled to welcome Harmony to our team," shared Bobbi Hansen, Chief Lending Officer at Aspire. "Her dedication to accuracy, service, and member success will strengthen our mortgage team and the experience we deliver."

BOARD OF DIRECTOR CANDIDATE NOMINATIONS OPEN

Aspire Credit Union is accepting nominations for volunteer candidates to serve on our Board of Directors. Our board meets once a month, in the evening. As a perk, volunteers receive free check blanks and \$25,000 accidental death and dismemberment insurance coverage.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like to nominate a member, please contact Kevin Vigested, (CEO) and he will forward it to the nominating committee. Express interest by 1/31/26.

Account Checks

Headed into a new year, we recommend that you review your accounts and the contact information on them. Having accurate information is vital to us, but also important for you. Without correct info, there could be lags in communication with you as our member which we don't want to see. Have you moved? Let's get that address and phone number updated. With this information, we can quickly communicate with you or send you a text so you are up-to-date with information on your account. Do you have a pay-on-death beneficiary? If you do, is that person's name, and contact information accurate? Sometimes these updates can be forgotten when a beneficiary goes through a name change.

A promotional graphic for the Minot Symphony Orchestra. It features the orchestra performing on stage. Text includes: "1925-2025 MINOT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA 100 YEARS", "Efrain Amaya - Music Director", "ASPIRE CREDIT UNION Partner Discount Code", "ASPIRE25", "Enter the code above to receive \$5 off symphony tickets.", "Valid for: 2025: Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 12 & 13; 2026: Feb. 7 & March 21", "*Not valid on film concerts.", "\$5 OFF", and "WWW.MINOTSYPHONY.COM".

Promotion Alert

We are thrilled to announce the promotion of Jacalynn Ostlund to the position of Universal Member Service Representative. Jacalynn has been a valued member of Aspire Credit Union for two years, delivering exceptional service and dependable card support with a friendly, member-first approach.



In her new role, she will be at our front desk, ready to welcome and assist members with the same dedication and care she's always shown. Please join us in congratulating Jacalynn on this well-deserved achievement!

