



Member Newsletter

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#SummerofFreedomFCU is back, and you could win \$1,000! Stop by any Freedom branch starting June 10th to get your free FreedomFCU sunglasses. Take pictures with the sunglasses and post to your favorite social media site (Facebook, Twitter or Instagram) using #SummerofFreedomFCU.

Your entry could win you a \$50 gift card, and the \$1000 Grand Prize!

Members and non-members alike are welcome to enter. And the more often you enter, the better your chance of winning the Grand Prize!

Visit our [website](http://www.freedomfcu.org) for full contest details. We can't wait to see where your summer takes you.

POST-COLLEGE INTERNSHIPS

You've wrapped up your last year of college and can't wait to get out there to start making your mark in the world. As you search for your first post-college job, an internship could be a great option. Contrary to popular belief, internships can do you a world of good even after graduation.

Here are some reasons you might want to consider taking a post-college internship:

You'll buy extra time

If you find you're still not sure exactly what kind of job you want to pursue, an internship can give you the opportunity to explore your options before committing to a long-term position. This can be especially beneficial if you find yourself torn between two kinds of jobs or workplaces. At the same time, an internship allows you to try out a new city before making any long-term decisions about moving.

Build your resume

No matter how high your GPA might be or how many extra-curricular activities and projects you participated in, at this point your resume may look a bit bare to potential employers. An internship can give you some real-life experience to help you land that dream job a year down the line.

Use your degree

Don't make the mistake of thinking a post-college internship means working alongside a college junior who lives for weekend parties. There are lots of internships designed specifically for college graduates. You'll be working alongside other interns and employees with similar skills as yours and who share your commitment to the job.

Get your foot in the door

You may have your heart set on working for a specific organization, but you may not be able to get past their tight new-hire criteria. An internship can be a wonderful way for you to get your foot in the door and land the job of your dreams. Once you're working for the company, you'll have a chance to prove just how much you can bring to the firm.

Get paid

As a graduate, companies cannot offer you college credits in lieu of payment. They'll need to offer you a salary for your work. It may not be overly lucrative, but if the job offers you the experience and opportunity you need, it could be worth your while.

Accepting a post-college internship may not give you the financial independence you want. However, if you think it might be in your best interest to go this route, there are always ways to make it work. Whether you choose to go with a post-college internship or not, best of luck on your job search from all of us here at Freedom FCU. And remember, we're here to help!



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With a Platinum Rewards Visa ¹

Freedom's Platinum Rewards Visa now features **4X the Points on Gasoline purchases**,² 3X on Restaurants, 2X on Groceries and 1X on everything else. You will also receive a **bonus reward of 2,500³ points** with your first transaction.

APPLY ONLINE TODAY

NEED A BETTER WAY TO PAY FOR COLLEGE?

We've Got You Covered

Freedom has partnered with Sallie Mae to offer **Student Loan options that are designed specifically for you.**

Invest in yourself and your dreams!

LEARN MORE



1 With every purchase, you earn CURewards points—three points on restaurants and take out, two points on gas and groceries, and one point on all other purchases per dollar spent—redeemable for cashback, merchandise, travel discounts, or gift certificates. Redeem points online at www.curewards.com.

2 For gasoline purchases – earn four points for every dollar spent. This promotion is available until September 30, 2022. After that, gas purchases will return to earning two points for every dollar spent.

3 1,000 bonus points awarded at account opening and 1,500 points bonus points awarded at first retail charge.

GOLDEN APPLE AWARDS WINNERS

Thank you to everyone who applied for this years Golden Apple Educator Awards, and congratulations to our winners:

BALTIMORE COUNTY

Dr. Stacie Durkovic, Martin Blvd Elementary
Kathy Flannery, St. Stephen School
Ashley Montalvo, Martin Blvd Elementary
Brocha Siff, Hereford High School

HARFORD COUNTY

Jeanne Mackowiak, Edgewood Middle School
Brittney Horan, Churchville Elementary
Laura Hahn, Havre de Grace Middle School
Colleen Kavanaugh, Norrisville Elementary

THE ULTIMATE GRAD GIFT GUIDE

Celebrate with your grad and show them how proud you are of their accomplishments with these low-cost, awesome gifts!

1. **ID Lanyard** Make it easy for your grad to carry their ID and wallet around campus or workplace.
2. **'Oh the Places You'll Go!'** You can't go wrong with this Dr. Seuss classic!
3. **College Survival Kit** Hit the dollar store for a big basket, filling it with all sorts of stuff to make a college survival or house/apartment warming kit.
4. **"Open when" letters** Pen letters for your grad to open at key milestones and/or more challenging times, such as after the first round of final exams, when feeling homesick, when needing a laugh, etc.
5. **Laundry essentials** Buy a laundry hamper and fill it with all your grad needs to master the wash. Think detergent, dryer sheets, stain-remover and more. Add a cute note, like "Have LOADS of fun in college!" to complete the gift.
6. **Chef's special** Fill a big mixing bowl, Bundt pan or other large basin with all they need to master the kitchen. Think spatulas, measuring cups and spoons, oven mitts, a skillet or pans. You can also add one of the many college cookbooks you'll find on sites like Amazon.

Use these ideas to find the perfect low-cost gift for your grad.

BUSINESS BANKING BUILT WITH YOU IN MIND



If you are a business owner, or are considering opening your own business, look to Freedom for all of your business banking needs. From flexible business loans, robust savings and checking options, business credit cards, and merchant services, Freedom is your local and trusted business partner. [Learn more about our business banking services online today.](#)

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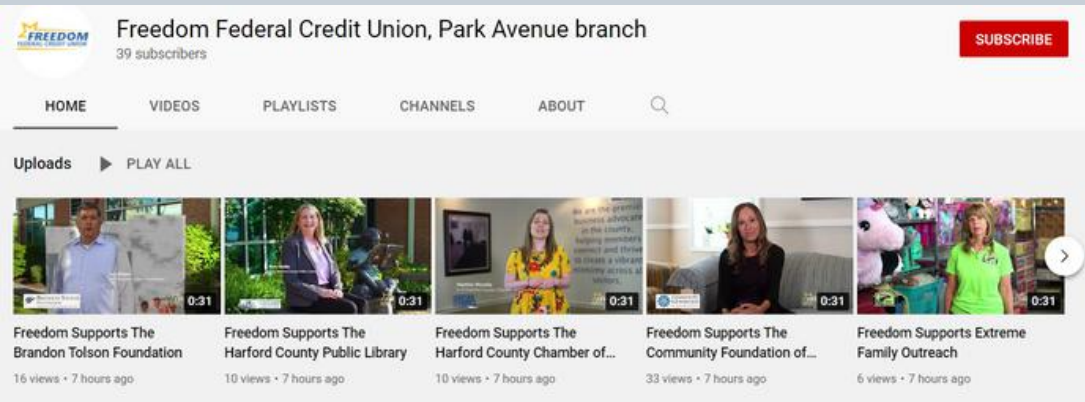
Are you or a family member interested in working for a local, community-first organization? Consider Freedom! We are currently hiring for multiple roles across our company. Visit the Careers section of Freedom's website to learn more about our open positions or apply today. Check back often to see new openings and opportunities.

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It is our honor to partner with so many great community organizations who truly make a difference in the lives of so many people.

Please visit our [YouTube page](#) to see our brand-new community-focused TV spots that feature some of our great community partners!

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Bel Air, MD 21015

Forest Lakes

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Forest Hill, MD 21050

Swan Creek

1830-C Pulaski Hwy
Havre de Grace, MD
21078

Fountain Green

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Bel Air, MD 21014

Edgewood*

8213 Hoadley Rd,
Building E 5002
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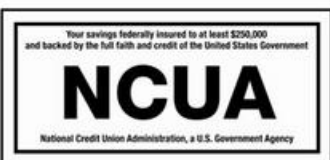
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WANT TO WIN \$25.00?

Of course you do. Find the Green Dollar Sign (\$), hidden on a page in this newsletter. Click [HERE](#) to tell us which article it was in and you will be entered to win a \$25.00 Gift Card* -- Good luck!

CONGRATULATIONS to last issue's winner:
Katie W.!

*Must be 18 or older to enter. Employees and Members of the Board of Directors of FFCU are not eligible to win. Gift Card will be digital, sent via email. Drawing runs until 6/30/2022.



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