

## Comparing Traditional and Roth IRA Options

Traditional IRAs offer tax-deferred earnings and the possibility for tax-deductible contributions. These tax advantages make the traditional IRA a powerful tool in creating a balanced, long-term savings plan. Earnings in a Traditional IRA are not taxed until they are withdrawn. For tax purposes the contributions you make to your IRA account are subtracted from the gross income you earn. As a result, you subtract the amount you are willing and able to contribute to your IRA account before any taxes have been deducted. Therefore, you end up paying fewer taxes. However, the deductibility of your IRA depends on the amount of your income.

Roth IRAs offer generous incentives to boost your retirement savings, as well as more ways to use your nest egg. Unlike Traditional IRAs, contributions to a Roth IRA are never tax-deductible. However, the money in your Roth IRA, including earnings, can be withdrawn tax-free. Of course, you must conform to certain tax requirements to get this tax-free advantage. The funding of a Roth IRA account is done by after-tax dollars. Thus your contributions have been taxed once and your withdrawals will not be taxed.

Another benefit of IRAs is that the growth of your assets within your account is deferred from taxes until you decide to retrieve money from the account. By law you are not allowed to withdraw money from an IRA account until you reach the age of 59 1/2. If, however, you need money before that age you will be subject to a 10% penalty. The withdrawals you make from your account are subject to taxation, which is equal to your current rate of income tax.

The earlier you open your IRA account the better. You can do it at any time during the year. However, it is recommended to open an IRA account before you file your taxes. The early start is recommended since your assets will have more time to grow tax-deferred and tax-free. Thus, you will have more resources to withdraw from when the time comes.

Finally, no matter which type of IRA you select, do it as soon as possible. IRAs represent a great component of your retirement plan, since by including them you will take advantage of the many tax advantages they provide.

For more information on Traditional, Roth, and Education IRAs contact HRCCU at 654-9028 or visit our website at [www.hrccu.org](http://www.hrccu.org).

## Education Workshops

Members are invited to attend the following education workshops in March. Seating is limited. Pre-registration is required by calling the credit union at 518-743-0561 ext. 2433 or via email at [landerson@hrccu.org](mailto:landerson@hrccu.org). Education Workshops are being offered free of charge unless otherwise indicated in the course descriptions below.

### Wednesday, March 10th – Budgeting & Surviving a Money Crunch, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

*Presenter: Emily Wright, Consumer Credit Counseling Service (CCCS) of the Capital Region & Hudson Valley*  
Workshop will be held in HRCCU's 2nd Floor Training Room, 160 Broad St., Glens Falls, NY.  
FREE to HRCCU Members. Non-member fee: \$5.00/person.

Budgeting - Learn the ABCs of managing your money and how to develop a spending/savings plan that will work for you. Surviving a Money Crunch - Learn how to prioritize your obligations and gain control of a financial crisis such as a loss of income or a major unexpected expense.



### Tuesday, March 16th – Save Energy, Save Dollars\*, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

*Presenter: Linda Law-Saunders, Cornell Cooperative Extension – Washington County*

Workshop will be held in the Cornell Cooperative Extension Annex 2 Building, 415 Lower Main Street, Hudson Falls, NY.

Learn about low-cost and no-cost ways to save energy and reduce your energy bills. Also learn about programs that can help you afford energy-efficiency improvements with subsidies, low-interest loans, or free services to qualifying households. Participants receive a kit of energy saving items.

### Tuesday, March 23rd – Making Ends Meet\*, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

*Presenter: Linda Law-Saunders, Cornell Cooperative Extension – Washington County*

Workshop will be held in the Cornell Cooperative Extension Annex 2 Building, 415 Lower Main Street, Hudson Falls, NY.

This workshop provides an overview of the process for developing and using a household spending plan and will explore ways to maximize resources and reduce energy use. Also, participants will receive a free money management kit.

### Tuesday, March 30th – Exploring Credit/Debt Management Issues\*, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

*Presenter: Linda Law-Saunders, Cornell Cooperative Extension – Washington County*

Workshop will be held in the Cornell Cooperative Extension Annex 2 Building, 415 Lower Main Street, Hudson Falls, NY.

This workshop provides information on selecting and using credit wisely, strategies for paying down debt, obtaining and reviewing a credit report, and understanding a credit score. Participants will receive free credit management tools.

\*These workshops, conducted by Cornell Cooperative Extension as part of the EmPower New York Program, are now a component of the HeatSmart NY initiative. HeatSmart NY workshops are sponsored by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA).





## HRCCU to Award Four \$1,000 College Scholarships!

To apply for Hudson River Community Credit Union's 2010 College Scholarship Contest, applicants must be high school seniors and HRCCU members in good standing who are graduating in June and plan to attend an accredited college or university for the first time in Fall 2010.

### Making Life Better Scholarship!

HRCCU will award one \$1,000 scholarship to a high school senior who has participated in 40+ hours of exemplary community service work in the last 12 months. Applicants must be high school seniors and HRCCU members in good standing who are graduating in June and plan to attend an accredited college or university for the first time in Fall 2010.

Applications for both scholarships will be available online at [www.hrccu.org](http://www.hrccu.org), at all HRCCU branches and from area high school guidance offices beginning February 1, 2010.

Please note that parents' HRCCU membership does not qualify student for eligibility in either scholarship contest-student must also be a member of HRCCU.

If you would like more information on either of the above scholarships, please contact Lauren Anderson at 518-743-0561 ext. 2433 or by emailing [landerson@hrccu.org](mailto:landerson@hrccu.org).

Deadline for all applications is April 2, 2010. HRCCU will announce scholarship winners in June.

## 56th Annual Meeting Luncheon

Sunday, April 11, 2010  
Hall of Springs, Saratoga Springs, NY  
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Tickets on sale at all branches beginning March 1, 2010.**

\$15 - Adult Member  
\$5 - Prime Plus Member  
\$25 - Adult Non-Member

Limit one non-member guest per member.

# Your Life. Your Style.

## Relax with an HRCCU Equity Loan

Consolidate debt & cut your monthly payments in half. For example...

Credit Card Debt	\$11,900 @ 21% A.P.R.*	\$327/month
Home Repairs	\$7,500 @ 7.37% A.P.R.*	\$150/month
College Tuition	\$10,000 @ 8.25% A.P.R.*	\$123/month
	<b>\$29,400</b>	<b>\$600/month</b>

HRCCU Equity Loan: \$30,000@5.25% A.P.R.\*=\$180/month\*\*  
**A savings of \$420/month!**



\*A.P.R.=Annual Percentage Rate. A.P.R. listed herein includes up to 90% financing. Other A.P.R.s and terms available. HRCCU will pay closing costs (up to \$200 on title work); and member pays mandatory NYS mortgage tax and \$96 for review of property taxes which can be deducted from proceeds. Mortgage tax ranges from \$225 for \$30,000 loan up to \$2,225 for \$300,000 loan. NOTE: Mortgage tax varies slightly by county. \*\*Example of HRCCU debt consolidation monthly payment on \$30,000 home equity loan at 5.25% A.P.R. = \$180/month represents a 300 month term. Home Equity balloons in 5 years to \$26,858.88. Offer herein available for eligible HRCCU members only; members must credit qualify. If first lien, member is responsible for updating title work. If second lien, existing title verification is required. Minimum amount borrowed is \$30,000, maximum \$300,000. Terms up to 30 years or 360 months. If your home equity loan is paid off within 36 months, all closing costs will be added to the loan payoff amount. If home equity balloon loans are paid off within 60 months, all closing costs will be added to the loan payoff amount. Closing costs estimate at \$300 up to \$717. Rates/terms subject to change without notice. NOTE: Home Equity financing may be tax deductible. Consult your tax professional about deductibility in your situation.

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Sales Event

Get Rates  
As Low As

**4.65% APR\***

And, we'll give you Blue Book Trade-In Value on your vehicle PLUS \$500!\*

Upon used vehicle purchase from Enterprise Car Sales.

**March 1 - April 30, 2010**

Call 518-654-9028 (option 1) to get pre-approved by Hudson River Community Credit Union today!



\*A.P.R.=Annual Percentage Rate. Rate listed herein starts as low as 4.65% A.P.R. for loans \$15,001 to \$25,000 (as low as 4.47% for \$25,000 and above) for up to 60 months and includes HRCCU's maximum loan discount of 1.00% based on member's relationship with the credit union. To receive maximum loan discount on approved loan, member must have the following relationship with HRCCU and/or the vehicle must pass the HRCCU Evergreen Loan stipulations: An active checking account, VISA Debit Card and Virtual Branch Internet Banking, automatic loan payments or disability insurance and any other two HRCCU products/services excluding regular shares. 100% Financing available including Tax, Title and License. Financing for qualified Hudson River Community Credit Union members only. Not all buyers will qualify. Actual rate may vary based on credit worthiness. Offer valid 3/1/10 - 4/30/10 on Enterprise Car Sales vehicle purchased at the Clifton Park, NY location only. Not valid with any other offer. Rate/terms listed herein for 60 month term used vehicle loan is subject to change w/o notice. A \$5.00 credit report fee may be charged at time of loan application. Other terms and conditions may apply. \*\*Trade-in values obtained from © 2010 Kelley Blue Book Co.'s website KBB.com. Blue Book Trade-In Value is based on accurate condition rating, vehicle options, age, and mileage of vehicle. Accurately appraising the condition of the vehicle is an important aspect of determining its Blue Book Trade-In Value. If a Blue Book Trade-In Value is not available for your vehicle, Enterprise will provide a fair and competitive value for customer's vehicle. Additional trade-in value of \$500 is not available on vehicles without a Blue Book Trade-In Value or if an Enterprise Car Sales vehicle is not purchased. Customer is responsible to any extent vehicle pay-off exceeds Enterprise offer. Customer must provide required proof of ownership/registration and all other necessary paperwork to transfer title. Restrictions apply. For details, see an Enterprise Car Sales Manager. Offer void where prohibited. Offer valid from 3/1/10 - 4/30/10. The "e" logo, Enterprise, and "Haggle-free buying. Worry-free ownership." are trademarks of Enterprise Rent-A-Car. All other trademarks are the property of their respective owners. © 2010 Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

## Expedited Funds Availability Act Changes (Regulation CC)

The Federal Reserve has recently restructured the check-processing operations within the Federal Reserve System. Effective February 27, 2010, there will only be a single check-processing region, which will result in checks no longer being considered non-local for purposes of Regulation CC. A single check-processing region will subject some checks to faster funds availability schedules.

**What This Means For You:** As a result of these changes, all references to non-local checks as well as time periods related to non-local check deposits in your funds availability disclosures are no longer effective. Instead, checks that were once considered non-local and subject to longer hold times will now be considered local and subject to faster availability. Based on the current policy, the first \$100 from a deposit of local checks will be available on the first business day after the day of your deposit. The remaining funds will be available on the second business day after the day of your deposit. Longer delays may still apply for some items and for new accounts – please refer to your Funds Availability disclosure for details.

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