

# SCHOLARSHIPS

## \$6,000 TO BE AWARDED

Each year, your credit union awards two scholarships: the *Above and Beyond Scholarship* and the *Educators of Tomorrow Scholarship*. This year, to better support the cost of higher education, we have increased the scholarship amounts to \$3,000 each (previously \$1,000).

Applications and essays are accepted January 1 through April 1, 2024. Eligible applicants must meet the following requirements:

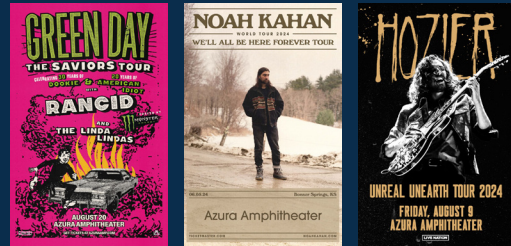
- Must be an Azura member or have immediate family with an Azura account.
- Must have established membership prior to December 2023.
- Must be a high school senior graduating in 2024, or over 18 and a new or returning student to either a university, college, technical or vocational school.
- Must be seeking a degree in the educational field (for the *Educators of Tomorrow Scholarship* only).



Find full details online at [AzuraCU.com/scholarships](https://AzuraCU.com/scholarships).

# AZURA AMPHITHEATER

POWERED BY AZURA CREDIT UNION



Going *Above and Beyond* means treating our members like the VIPs we know them to be. At all Azura Amphitheater shows, Azura members can bypass the long lines and enter through the VIP entrance (State Avenue only). Once inside, you'll also have access to the VIP Pavilion that includes a separate bar, covered seating and restrooms. Simply flash your Azura debit or credit card or the Azura mobile app. (Sorry! Does not include VIP Parking.)



Visit our calendar at [AzuraCU.com/events](https://AzuraCU.com/events) to see what we've got planned for 2024!



ABOVE AND BEYOND BANKING

# BLUEPRINTS

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## Branching Out, Growing Stronger

*People helping people* - the motto and core mission of all credit unions - is fundamental to your credit union's strategy. Expansion into additional markets allows us to do just that, to help more people.



Our Mission branch at 6751 Johnson Dr. is on schedule to open in Spring 2024. A smaller footprint than our current locations, it remains a full service branch with an open concept lobby and two drive-thru ITMs.

Spring 2024 will also mark the beginning of renovations at another branch.

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### Holiday Closings

MONDAY  
**January 15**  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

MONDAY  
**February 19**  
Presidents Day

### Save the Date

MONDAY  
**January 1**  
Scholarship Applications Open

WEDNESDAY  
**January 31**  
Volunteer Official Nomination Deadline

MONDAY  
**April 1**  
Scholarship Deadline

TUESDAY  
**April 16**  
Annual Meeting



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## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

As a cooperative, your credit union is democratically governed by a group of volunteer members/owners elected or appointed into office each year. Azura's Nominating Committee is now accepting applications for the Board of Directors and Supervisory Committee. A variety of positions with three-year terms expire this year, and incumbents are eligible and may seek re-election or re-appointment.

Are you interested in becoming an Azura Volunteer Official? Learn more at [AzuraCU.com/annual-meeting](https://AzuraCU.com/annual-meeting) and submit your interest for nomination to [Nominations@AzuraCU.com](mailto:Nominations@AzuraCU.com) or by phone at 785-228-5399. The deadline for nominations is January 31, 2024.



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Your credit union **WILL NOT** call, text or email to ask you to provide or verify your:

- Social Security number
- Debit or credit card number
- Card's Personal Identification Number (PIN)
- Online Banking username or password

## Meet Our Business Services Team

When it comes to navigating the complex landscape of business finances, having a partner who understands your local community and its unique needs can make all the difference. At Azura, you'll find the perfect solutions for your business size and needs.

From business checking options, deposit needs, borrowing for growth, credit cards for flexibility, or access to a cash back business debit card Azura can help. Contact us today at 785-783-0162 to schedule a consultation and take the first step toward a brighter financial future for your business.



**William Anthony**  
Business Services  
Manager



**Jennifer Kirmse**  
Business Relationship  
Consultant



**Amber Rendell**  
Business Services  
Associate

## Branching Out, Growing Stronger

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Topeka's 37th Street location will soon include Interactive Teller Machines (ITMs). Members will enjoy the same convenient hours currently offered at this location with our helpful tellers just a tap away on the machine's Video Teller button. The inclusion of ITMs will allow members access to the 24/7 self-serve network features, including cash and check deposit options, and denomination selection for withdrawals. Stay tuned for updates on 37th Street and other branches at our website and in our monthly e-newsletters.



**END OF YEAR TAX DOCUMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE BY JANUARY 31, 2024. WATCH FOR THEM IN ONLINE BANKING OR YOUR MAILBOX.**



## 2023 GRANT RECIPIENTS

Our Azura Employee Foundation (AEF) is an employee funded and driven foundation that reviews and fulfills grant requests twice each year. In 2023, the foundation is honored to have provided over \$18,000 in support; and since it was founded, AEF has donated over \$93,000 to local organizations.

Grant requests included improvements to health care access, advancements in cancer treatment, expansion of employment opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and reduction in cost barriers associated with pet adoption.

This year's grant recipients include:

- KVC Health Systems
- Sole Reason
- Shawnee County Medical Society
- KidsTLC
- The Capper Foundation
- Helping Hands Humane Society
- KU Med Center - Children's Miracle Network
- Maxton's Toy Drive
- Project Topeka



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## INTRODUCING OUR NEW COMMUNITY IMPACT CARD

In October, we announced the addition of a ninth beneficiary in our Community Impact card program, Helping Hands Humane Society, Inc. Now, we are excited to share the look of their new debit card.

The selection process was a community effort that included nominations, followed by an opportunity to vote from among the top four qualifiers.

As with all Community Impact cards, each time our members make a purchase using their HHHS card, the credit union will donate five cents to the participating organization. Since 2010, Azura has donated over \$606,000 to their card partners!

The HHHS card will be available in February. Stay tuned to our website for details. Community Impact cards are an option with all Azura checking accounts and there is no fee to replace a standard debit card with a Community Impact card.\*

\*One free replacement card per year.