

## **Social Media Usage Guidelines**

We're on social media to better communicate with the biomedical & healthcare community. The National Institutes of Health Federal Credit Union (NIHFCU) welcomes member and non-member participation on its sites as a means of sharing experiences, suggesting improvements, and contributing to conversations. In order to maintain focused, respectful, and informative communication, and a minimum standard for expectations of conduct, we have established the following social media usage guidelines and limitations.

By accessing our sites, you agree to be bound by and comply with these terms, all applicable laws and regulations, and any other applicable policies, terms and guidelines and existing agreements established by NIHFCU and those of any third parties that host our sites (which may include, but are not limited to, Facebook, YouTube, Yelp, Instagram, LinkedIn, Google+, Pinterest, Twitter). If you do not agree with any of these terms, do not use or access our sites. Any unauthorized use of our sites or misuse of any information posted to a site is strictly prohibited.

Please note, our social media pages are public pages, meaning anyone online can see your posts and your posts could even show up in the results of a search-engine like Google. Because all social media pages are public, NIHFCU is not responsible for any views expressed on our page other than our own.

When posting on any NIHFCU, we reserve the right to review any and all comments at its discretion and to delete comments that are, or include:

- 1. **Spam:** Comments focused on selling a product or service, or comments posted for a purpose of driving traffic to a particular website for personal, political or monetary gain will be removed.
- 2. **Personal Attacks:** If you disagree with the content, we would like to hear from you, but ask that you refrain from personal attacks or being disrespectful to others. Malicious intent and/or participation not in the spirit of civil conversation will be removed.
- 3. **Illegal:** Posts must not violate laws that govern use of copyrights, trademarks and trade secrets, etc.
- 4. **Offensive Language:** Comments including, but not limited to, profane or provocative language will be removed. Comments that contain threatening, hateful, offensive, derogatory, obscene or sexually explicit language will not be tolerated.
- 5. **Private or Confidential Information:** Please do not provide any of your specific account details or other personal information when posting comments. This includes but is not limited to account usernames and numbers, passwords, pins, social security numbers, or other account details. If you have immediate service needs, please contact our Contact Center at 301-718-0208, 800-877-6440 or 301-881-5822 (TDD/TTY), or visit one of our local branches for assistance.



- 6. **Posts in HTML Format (or URLs)** will be removed. Please only use plain text when submitting your comments.
- 7. Posts from Individuals Under the Age of 13 cannot be accepted.
- 8. **Posts Containing Photos will not be accepted,** unless specifically requested by an authorized representative of NIHFCU for a contest or other business-related purpose. In these instances, pictures will be reviewed and will not be posted if deemed inappropriate.

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## **Privacy & Security**

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