

# BLUEPRINTS

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ABOVE AND **BEYOND** BANKING

## WELCOME TO OTTAWA



On November 29, Azura opened the doors to our new, full-service retail branch at 124 E. 19th St. in Ottawa, Kansas.

“The Ottawa Chamber is thrilled when institutions like Azura express interest in our community, as it affirms [our] economic growth,” said Ryland Miller, MBA,

President/CEO, Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce. “We are excited about Azura ... and are eager to see them become strong community partners for the people in our area. When Ottawa’s business community thrives, all boats rise!”

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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 25, 2025.

### Holiday Closings

MONDAY

**January 20**

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

MONDAY

**February 17**

Presidents Day

### Save the Date

WEDNESDAY

**January 1**

Scholarship Applications Open

FRIDAY

**January 25**

Volunteer Official Nomination Deadline

TUESDAY

**April 1**

Scholarship Deadline

TUESDAY

**April 15**

Annual Meeting

800-432-2470

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## AZURA IS YOUR PARTNER IN FRAUD PREVENTION

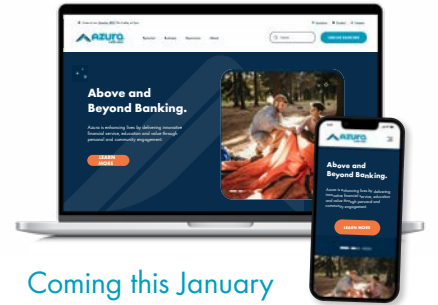
LEARN MORE AT [AZURACU.COM/SECURITY](https://AZURACU.COM/SECURITY)

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

## NEW YEAR. NEW WEBSITE.

Azura is excited to launch a redesigned website in mid-January! This upgrade reflects our commitment to exceptional service and valuable information for our members. The new design is vibrant, modern and easy to navigate, embodying our values of knowledge, innovation, and community. We're excited to embark on this new chapter and look forward to serving you better with an updated online presence.



Coming this January to [AzuraCU.com](https://AzuraCU.com)

Our online banking portal and mobile app will remain unchanged, including the Online Banking login button in the upper right corner. Additionally, online account and loan applications, chat and video communication, and third-party links (such as Deluxe Check Orders) will stay the same.



## 2024 GRANT RECIPIENTS

Our Azura Employee Foundation (AEF) is an employee funded and driven foundation that reviews and fulfills grant requests twice each year. In 2024, the foundation is honored to have provided nearly \$20,000 in support; and since it was founded, AEF has donated over \$113,500 to local organizations.

Grant requests included the integration of literacy promotion into pediatric care, the enhancement of the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, medical transportation for senior citizens, and free school supplies for teachers.

This year's grant recipients include:

- Topeka LULAC Senior Center
- Valeo Behavioral Health Care
- ScrapsKC
- Sparkwheel
- Reach Out And Read, Kansas City
- SLI (Sheltered Living, Inc.)
- Tallgrass Student Learning Center



# WELCOME TO OTTAWA CONTINUED

Located next to Cosentino's Price Chopper, the branch features an open floor plan with private offices and banking suites for personal services. Outside are two drive-thru lanes with Interactive Teller Machines (ITMs) and Video Teller services. There, members can speak directly with Azura staff to perform nearly any service that can be completed in a lobby or traditional drive-thru window.



Azura has hired four full-time local employees. Ottawa-based Loyd Builders served as the construction manager on the project. Our lobby is open Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Drive-thru ITMs with Video Teller are open Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-noon. Drive-thru ATM services are available 24/7. Learn more at [AzuraCU.com/Ottawa](http://AzuraCU.com/Ottawa).



## MAKE A DIFFERENCE EVERY TIME YOU SWIPE

Each time Azura members make a purchase using a Community Impact Visa Debit Card, the credit union donates five cents to the participating charity of choice. There are nine beneficiaries, including: Boys and Girls Clubs of Topeka, Harvesters | Community Food Network, Helping Hands Humane Society, Military Veterans Project, Shawnee Heights USD 450, Stormont Vail & Children's Miracle Network, Supporting Kids Foundation, TARC and the Topeka Rescue Mission.

We're still tallying the final numbers for 2024, but at the time this newsletter went to print nearly \$124,000 had been raised. To date, Azura has contributed over \$640,000 to the participating organizations.

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.

### Exclusive Discounts on Tax Prep.

And get a chance to win \$10,000.

**SCAN THE CODE TO GET THE DISCOUNT**  
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Members can get the biggest savings on tax prep services and expert tax help. Plus, enter for a chance to win \$10,000 from Love My Credit Union® Rewards.

**Save up to 20%**  
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You must use the QR code link above and follow the prompts to file your taxes from that page.

**Save up to \$25**  
on professional tax prep

Download and present the H&R Block coupon at the QR code link above to a tax pro at your local H&R Block office.

**END OF YEAR TAX DOCUMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE BY JANUARY 31, 2025. WATCH FOR THEM IN ONLINE BANKING OR YOUR MAILBOX.**



# SCHOLARSHIPS

## \$6,000 TO BE AWARDED

Each year, we are proud to award two \$3,000 scholarships in recognition of local students who exhibit outstanding performance and potential. *Above and Beyond* and the *Educators of Tomorrow* scholarship applications, including either a video or written essay, will be accepted from January 1 through April 1, 2025.

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 2024.
- Must be a high school senior graduating in 2025, 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 most 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 The Amp has got planned for 2025!



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