

August 2021

We are looking forward to “seeing” you on **August 19** for our next Liaison Zoom meeting (see details under Communications).



Labor Day Contest – Unions Power America

To celebrate the hardworking union members helping us come back stronger from the COVID-19 pandemic, Union Plus will be launching the [Unions Power America Contest](#) on Monday, August 2. Members can enter by submitting a photo of themselves at work, at home or in their community, along with a caption describing how they’re powering America and why they deserve to win. Union Plus will award **\$130,000 in total prizes**, including one hundred \$1,000 prizes and one each of our **Grand Prize of \$15,000**, First Prize of \$10,000 and Second Prize of \$5,000. We will also be giving away fifty \$100 rental car certificates as Honorable Mentions.

Entries will be accepted from **August 2 to August 22, 2021**. Learn more at unionplus.org/laborday.

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. See Rules at <http://www.unionplus.org/laborday>. Ends 8/22/21.

Promotional materials for the Labor Day contest can be found in Unions Power America folder in the [Union Plus Digital Toolkit](#).

Program Updates

Union Plus Hardship Benefits

We have an updated hardship benefits flyer that reflects our recent expanded eligibility and grant amounts. Visit unionplus.org/hardship to learn more about the updated benefits, and email leaders@unionplus.org for new flyers.

Union Plus Mortgage Program

Union Plus Mortgage Company

Union Plus Mortgage Company is offering two new Refinance Programs to reflect new Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac programs that allow more people to qualify for mortgage refinancing. Check out the UPMC home page at unionplasmortgage.com to learn more about REFI NOW and REFI POSSIBLE. These programs can help moderate-income union members with refinancing in certain situations by allowing higher debt to income ratios than the standard programs. Members can submit a request for more information [here](#).

Union Plus Free College Program

The Union Plus Free College Program is enrolling for Fall classes starting **August 16**. The second set of Fall classes will start on August 30, and the third set will start on October 25. Students may enroll up to the Friday after each start date. Visit freecollege.unionplus.org.

Union Plus Bachelor's Degree Completion Program

The Union Plus Bachelor's Degree Completion program is now enrolling for Fall classes starting **August 16**. The second set of Fall classes will start on October 11. Students may enroll up to the Friday prior to each start date. Visit bachelorsdegree.unionplus.org.

As a reminder, new students may also enroll in classes through Franklin University, not just Central State University, depending on their degree program of choice.

The staff at the Student Resource Center are available for webinars and virtual member meetings to support members with enrollment questions. Contact your union services representative to discuss informational webinars for your union.