

Erie Federal Credit Union - Celebrating 90 Years of Service

In 2026, Erie Federal Credit Union celebrates its 90th anniversary, marking nine decades of growth since its founding in June 1936. Established at the height of the Great Depression to provide fair credit to educators, the institution began as the Erie School Employees Federal Credit Union with just 46 members and \$241 in deposits. Its first office was a modest space on the second floor of the Public Library at 27 South Park Row, shared with the Erie School District.

Over the last 90 years, Erie FCU has evolved from these humble roots into Northwestern Pennsylvania's largest credit union, offering a comprehensive suite of modern financial services for individuals and businesses. Despite this expansion, the credit union remains a member-owned, not-for-profit cooperative dedicated to the "people helping people" philosophy. By returning profits to its members through superior rates and lower fees, Erie FCU continues to honor its legacy of service and community-focused banking.

Erie Federal Credit Union remains deeply rooted in the Erie and Crawford County communities, actively giving back through a variety of targeted initiatives. Their commitment is demonstrated through the #TeamAOK (Acts of Kindness) volunteer program, which sees employees donating thousands of hours annually to local organizations. Furthermore, Erie FCU provides free financial literacy resources, including webinars and credit counseling, empowering members to achieve "financial peace of mind". The credit union also engages in ongoing community support efforts, such as combating local food insecurity through the recent "Give Hope – Feed the Need" holiday campaign, which has distributed thousands of dollars to area organizations in need.

Erie FCU's commitment goes far beyond banking. Whether it's helping a family through a tough financial time, guiding a couple to finding their dream home or partnering with a local nonprofit to expand impact, they believe in doing what they can to make life better for their members and the community.

As Erie FCU celebrates its 90-year milestone, the credit union serves over 80,000 members with assets exceeding \$805 million. You can explore their current community initiatives and member benefits at www.eriefcu.org.