



Arbitration Agreement

You and we agree to attempt to informally settle any and all disputes arising out of, affecting, or relating to your accounts, or the products or services we have provided, or will provide, or have offered to provide to you, and/or any aspect of your relationship with MSUFCU (hereafter referred to as the "Claims"). If that cannot be done, then you agree that any and all Claims that are threatened, made, filed or initiated after the Effective Date (defined below) of this Arbitration and Waiver of Class Action provision ("Arbitration Agreement"), even if the Claims arise out of, affect or relate to conduct that occurred prior to the Effective Date, shall, at the election of either you or us, be resolved by binding arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") in accordance with its applicable rules and procedures for consumer disputes ("Rules"), whether such Claims are in contract, tort, statute, or otherwise. The Rules can be obtained on the AAA website free of charge at www.adr.org; or, a copy of the Rules can be obtained upon request to our Legal department. Either you or we may elect to resolve a particular Claim through arbitration, even if one of us has already initiated litigation in court related to the Claim, by: (a) making written demand for arbitration upon the other party, (b) initiating arbitration against the other party, or (c) filing a motion to compel arbitration in court. AS A RESULT, IF EITHER YOU OR WE ELECT TO RESOLVE A PARTICULAR CLAIM THROUGH ARBITRATION, YOU WILL GIVE UP YOUR RIGHT TO GO TO COURT TO ASSERT OR DEFEND YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THIS ACCOUNT AGREEMENT (EXCEPT FOR CLAIMS BROUGHT INDIVIDUALLY WITHIN SMALL CLAIMS COURT OR A COMPARABLE COURT OF LIMITED JURISDICTION, SO LONG AS THE CLAIM REMAINS IN SMALL CLAIMS COURT). This Arbitration Agreement shall be interpreted and enforced in accordance with the Federal Arbitration Act set forth in Title 9 of the U.S. Code to the fullest extent possible, notwithstanding any state law to the contrary, regardless of the origin or nature of the Claims at issue. This Arbitration Agreement does not prevent you from submitting any issue relating to your accounts for review or consideration by a federal, state, or local governmental agency or entity, nor does it prevent such agency or entity from seeking relief on your behalf. This Arbitration Agreement shall not apply to claims that are initiated in or transferred to small claims court. This Arbitration Agreement does not apply to: (1) any consumer credit transaction secured by a dwelling (including a home equity line of credit secured by your principal dwelling); or (2) to any consumer credit obtained while you were a covered borrower as defined by the Military Lending Act.

1. **Selection of Arbitrator.** Claims shall be resolved by a single arbitrator. The arbitrator shall be selected in accordance with the Rules, and must have experience in the types of transactions at issue in the Claims. In the event of a conflict between the Rules and this Arbitration Agreement, this Arbitration Agreement shall supersede the conflicting Rules only to the extent of the inconsistency. If AAA is unavailable to resolve the Claims, and if you and we do not agree on a substitute forum, then you can select the forum for the resolution of the Claims.
2. **Effective Date.** This Arbitration Agreement is effective when the account is opened.
3. **Arbitration Proceedings.** The arbitration shall be conducted within 50 miles of your residence at the time the arbitration is commenced, if within the continental United States. Any claims and defenses that can be asserted in court can be asserted in the arbitration. The arbitrator shall be entitled to award the same remedies that a court can award, including any kind of injunctive relief that could be awarded by a court. Discovery shall be available for non-privileged information to the fullest extent permitted under the Rules. The arbitrator's award can be entered as a judgment in any court having jurisdiction thereof. Except as provided in applicable statutes, the arbitrator's award is not subject to review by the court and it cannot be appealed. We shall pay for any filing, administration, and arbitrator fees imposed on you by the AAA. However, you will be responsible for your own attorneys' fees, unless you prevail on your Claim in the arbitration, in which case, we will pay your attorneys' fees. Conversely, if we prevail, then you will not be required to pay its attorneys' fees and costs. Nothing contained in this Arbitration Agreement shall prevent either you or us from applying to any court of competent jurisdiction for emergency provisional relief, such as a temporary restraining order, a temporary protective order, an attachment or any other pre-judgment remedies.

Any determination as to whether this Arbitration Agreement is valid or enforceable in part or in its entirety will be made solely by the arbitrator, including without limitation any issues relating to whether a Claim is subject to arbitration; provided, however, the enforceability of the Class Action Waiver set forth below shall be determined by the Court.
4. **Class Action Waiver.** ANY ARBITRATION OF A CLAIM WILL BE ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS. YOU UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT YOU ARE WAIVING THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE AS A CLASS REPRESENTATIVE OR CLASS MEMBER IN A CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT.
5. **Severability.** In the event the Class Action Waiver in this Arbitration Agreement is found to be unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of this Arbitration Agreement shall also be unenforceable. If any provision in this Arbitration Agreement, other than the Class Action Waiver, is found to be unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain fully enforceable.

FOR MORE DETAILS or if you have questions, you may call us or visit a branch. If you have questions about AAA procedures, you should check AAA's website, www.adr.org, OR call AAA at (800) 778-7879.