



## Retirement dreams start here!

With the March 3rd deadline fast approaching, there's no better time to take control of your retirement savings. Stride Credit Union is here to help you make the most of every dollar with our competitive RRSP rates—3.75% for a 1-year term and 3.70% for a 2-year term.

Our expert team is ready to guide you through the RRSP process, whether you're just getting started or looking to optimize your contributions for the 2024 tax year. Let's work together to ensure your retirement goals are within reach.

And remember, Stride is here for more than just RRSPs—we can help with everything from managing debt and building credit to saving for your first home. Whatever stage you're at, we're committed to helping you succeed financially.

Time is ticking! The deadline to contribute to your RRSP for the 2024 tax year is March 3, 2025.

**Invest Today** 

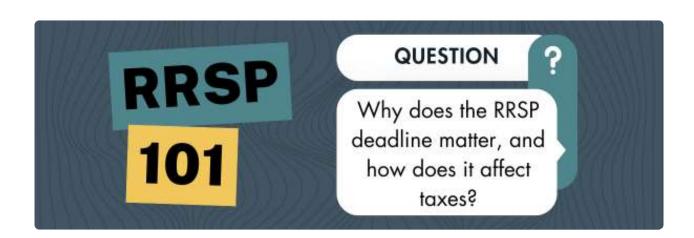
\*Terms and conditions apply, rate subject to change.



# More accounts, less hassle!

You can now open sub-accounts directly in online banking—no branch visit, no phone call, just a few clicks! Whether you're saving for a vacation, a rainy day, or just want to keep things organized, it's easier than ever. Log in today and give it a try!

Learn more



RRSPs can be tricky, but understanding the basics is the key to making the most of your savings. With the March 3rd deadline approaching, now is the perfect time to brush up on how your RRSP contributions can benefit you this tax season.

#### Why does the RRSP deadline matter, and how does it affect my taxes?

The March 3rd, 2025, deadline is your last chance to make RRSP contributions that count toward your 2024 tax return. Every dollar you contribute lowers your taxable income, which could mean a bigger tax refund or a smaller tax bill. Plus, your savings grow tax-free until you withdraw them in retirement!

Ready to get started? **Book an appointment** with our experts.



#### Celebrating I Love to Read Month with Financial Literacy!

February is I Love to Read Month, and Stride is proud to support our local school's reading programs. Throughout the month, our staff have been volunteering their time to read to students, sharing financial literacy books that introduce the kids to the basics of managing money!



# It's time to vote for Stride's Board of Directors!

Cast your vote now through March 14th for Stride's Board of Directors! We invite and encourage all members to participate by placing your vote.





### Central Plains Cancer Services

Last year we were proud to support the CPCS People Helping People Radiothon. Stay tuned for details on this year's event and how Stride will be supporting this great cause!



#### Over \$8,900 in staff donations to local charities.

Every payday, our staff have the opportunity to wear jeans and their Stride shirt in exchange for a donation to a local charity of their choice. We are thrilled to announce that in 2024, our amazing team donated \$3,407 to Central Plains Cancer Services, \$2446.50 to STARS Air Ambulance, \$2455 to United Way Brandon, and \$625.50 to the Beautiful Plains Community Foundation!



Helen works out of our MacGregor branch but was born and raised in the Austin area. Helen worked for 10 years as a hairstylist while starting her own family, which led to many connections in the area. She completed college courses related to small business accounting to help with her and her husband's farm and small business venture. Helen is now a Financial Experience Officer at Stride Credit Union, working in retail lending, offering product knowledge and assistance.

Helen notes that she loves serving such a friendly town and the surrounding area. The communities she's involved in show passion for togetherness and growth, whether it be personal, education or commercial. She enjoys building relationships with Stride members and seeing the confidence level change when members come in with a dream, knowing she can help bring it to life for them whether it be their first vehicle, a mortgage or helping them with any account products.

A fun fact about Helen is the strong ties she has to the Carberry area, showing the connections that people make when living in small towns. Her husband used to work in the Carberry area, she has a large group of family and friends there, and they enjoy stopping in at the Casino near Carberry once in awhile to have a little fun.

Are you looking to make the move to Stride Credit Union? Get in touch with Helen or any of our other amazing Financial Experience Officers and experience the exceptional service that Stride has to offer.

Call us at 877-228-2636, email contactus@stridecu.ca or visit stridecu.ca.

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