



PHONY JOB OFFER TARGETING UNEMPLOYED FLIGHT ATTENDANTS REQUIRES APPLICANTS TO FRONT MONEY FOR TRAVEL

Our office has learned of a scam that has cost job applicants hundreds of dollars. Unemployed flight attendants answered newspaper ads for employment and were told that they would have to travel to an exotic location for an interview. Applicants were instructed to send half the cost of their airfare, supposedly to cover their travel expenses and ensure that they were serious applicants. They were told that the money would be reimbursed. However, the money was never refunded, the interview was cancelled and the trip never took place.

I urge you to exercise caution when answering ads for employment anytime you are asked to pay money up front. It would be extremely unusual for a reputable employer to ask for large sums of money from applicants. At a minimum, find out about the company from an independent source of information before you make arrangements to spend money to travel to an interview.

Sincerely,

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