

- **Avoiding Scams**

General Tips for Students

It is very important for you to educate yourself about potential scams. Here are some good tips that the job is probably fraudulent:

- The promise of a large salary for very little work – especially those that state thousands of dollars of income per month with little or no experience required.
- Positions that ask you to give credit card or bank account numbers, or copies of personal documents.
- Jobs that ask you to send payment by wire service or courier.
- Positions in which you are offered a large payment or reward in exchange for allowing the use of your bank account – often for depositing checks or transferring money.
- While there are legitimate opportunities for individuals to work from home, be sure to research the position in advance of applying.

If you suspect a position is fraudulent, please contact Megan Odom, Interim Director, at modom@csuchico.edu or 530-898-5253. If you believe you are the victim of fraud resulting from a job listing, please contact the local police as well.

Information is abundant on the web regarding tips to identify fraud. A general Google search is a good place to start. Below are two sites with more extensive information.

<http://help.monster.com/besafe/>

http://www.associatedcontent.com/subject/article/employment_scams

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www.csuchico.edu/careers
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