

From CUNA (Credit Union National Association) News:

Oprah millionaire contest is a scam

MADISON, Wis. (4/9/09)--Credit unions should warn their members about a new scam that involves fraudulent e-mails telling recipients they've been nominated for the "Oprah Millionaire Contest Show."

Recipients are asked to provide their contact information, including address, telephone phone and e-mail, though no mailing address is provided. Recipients also are told they need to purchase transportation and a ticket to attend the show and complete another contest form with personal questions.

The Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) warns consumers not to open unsolicited e-mails or embedded links because they may contain viruses or malware. Providing personal information also will compromise one's identity, the FBI said in a press release.