

Re: MT Apprenticeship?

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I wonder how they would react if you told them you were tacking on a late fee - or would give a discount for early or immediate payment. Probably wouldn't work if they don't have the forethought to realize that overnighting adds unnecessary expenses. People with your work ethic and willingness to bend over backward for them do not grow on trees.

DJGordon wrote:

Well, I was told one time in the three years since I've handled the account myself that it was because of fund shortage....I didn't argue although they had the funds to open a new office in England that very same month...but anyway. What I mean is it was only one time that it was a fund shortage. Otherwise the agreement is that I turn my invoice in on the 23rd and I will receive my check between the 6th and 10th of the following month. I start emailing EVERY MONTH on the 10th, where's my check, and have discussions saying well so and so's out, (she's just the receptionist), ___ who is the accountant and signs my checks usually won't even talk to me on the phone...the most common reason I get is that Eddie, the CEO has to approve every check before it gets sent out and that it hasn't come off his desk yet. One good thing though is when by the 13th or so I haven't gotten it they will overnight it to me, but sheesh, why go through the expense of that every month when they could just do this on time? I have personal knowledge that they are like this with all their bills. Their Earthlink account was up to \$600 at one point before they started paying a monthly amount on it. This is a multimillion dollary company that has very poor bookkeepers and yes I think it's laziness on someone's part plus organization skills on someone else's part. It hasn't been really bad like it is now though until my supervisor left in July and was replaced by someone I can't even get to get in touch with me for a proper intro. Everybody in the [deleted] office complains and their turnover is horrendous for reasons just such as these. But I am honestly afraid to gripe too much because I cannot afford to lose this account as there is no way I could find something else this good since I am not an MT. I try to market myself

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with no hits constantly. All I can find is sub work which pays next to nothing or at least not near on a scale I need to survive. I have two people I do a lot of sub work for (one has quit sending anything since November) and they really help out as they pay what I asked and the extra money is great when this client gets slow, and I'm doing the document coding for Cypher now (that place is cool if you have a legal background and need some extra work by the way) but if I lose this account, I'm up the proverbial creek.

dani

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Dani

Have you ever had any kind of discussion about why it is a problem for them to pay you on time? They don't have the funds to cover until they get paid? Lazy? Disorganized or what? Suppose one could write in a clause or notify that when payment is not made on time, work can be withheld, then do it. They can pay instantly via paypal after all. It is a fantasy, but companies like that should be aware that someone as reliable and hardworking as yourself could easily land work elsewhere and then start playing hardball.

DJGordon wrote:

Well, that's me. I mean, I always get the money, and they have made a lot of allowances over the years for me when I had issues with Justin over the years. But I tell them, you know, I'm just a working person too, you expect to get paid on time. How would you like it if Charlie (the CEO) was as lax about your employee paycheck as you are about my IC pay? I have a 139-minute file right now with a tight deadline of Friday morning and here I still haven't been paid for

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the invoice I turned in on the 23rd. I know I'll get it, but I'm not Rockefeller and have all these extra resources to fall back on, a lot of times it's paycheck to paycheck around this house and it doesn't matter to them. And, no, I'm not about to cut my own throat and do or say anything too drastic, but I wish they'd get a clue. It didn't used to be this way. New people have taken over this side of the business and they are the most unorganized lot of people you've ever seen.

Dani

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Well, you'd sure think so. Of course you could quit if they don't pay or withhold work until they pay, but then they would find someone else, so they have you, right? And I understand that. I've worked in a situation where I had a hard time getting paid due to the person just not grasping the concept of it didn't matter when she got paid, I needed to be paid on a schedule (finally made that understood), but the work was easy, regular, paid well, I always got the money, so I wasn't about to quit over it.

DJGordon wrote:

Oh, no, I don't
mind the deadlines

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at all. The only time the deadlines mean something to me is when I'm waiting for my check. I have a hard time getting them their files when they want them when I can't ever get my check when I'm supposed to. I have never missed a deadline yet, I expect the same courtesy when it comes to getting paid.

Dani

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DJGordon wrote:

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So what am I? LOL Don't answer that sarcastically

Dani

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Jay wrote:

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