

HARVARD

International Office

HIO OPT USCIS E-Filing Guide

e-Filing Guide

The HIO provides general guidance on your OPT/STEM OPT application based on information obtained from reliable sources and reflecting our years of experience in working with students. We make every attempt to ensure that we provide you with the most up to date information available. Any advice provided to you by our office (as well as the information in this packet) does not constitute legal advice, however. The OPT application is a personal application for which you are responsible; the application preparation and USCIS case decision will vary depending on the facts at issue in your particular case. The HIO does its best to provide you with the most current guidance, but please be mindful that USCIS may change its interpretation of these policies, procedures, regulations, and eligibility requirements at any time. The HIO is not responsible for any errors or omissions, or for the results obtained from USCIS.



- Students **MUST** first request their I-20 with an OPT recommendation from the HIO.
- **DO NOT** proceed with USCIS OPT e-Filing without the OPT Form I-20!
- You **MUST** be physically present in the U.S. to file your OPT application!
- If you e-File your OPT application **DO NOT** mail an application to USCIS!
- Instructions on how to request an I-20 with an OPT recommendation and general OPT Instructions can be found here:
<https://www.hio.harvard.edu/optional-practical-training-opt>

- Go to USCIS
https://www.uscis.gov/i-765
- USCIS recommends using the latest version of Google Chrome, Firefox, Edge, Firefox, or Internet Explorer 11
- Click "**File Online**"

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I-765, Application for Employment Authorization

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1 ALERT: For certain applicants who electronically filed Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, based on a pending Form I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal, the receipt notice did not include language about the [540-day automatic Employment Authorization Document \(EAD\) extension](#). On or before the week of March 20, we will send these applicants an email or text notification instructing them to sign into their USCIS online account. Once signed in, they will find their corrected receipt notice. We will also send corrected paper receipt notices by mail. Please note that if you are eligible for the 540-day automatic EAD extension, any USCIS receipt notice for your Form I-765, together with your expired EAD, will serve as acceptable proof of employment authorization and EAD validity during the automatic extension period.

1 Alert: We recently updated the filing location for Special Immigrant Juveniles filing [Form I-360, Petition for Amerasian, Widow\(er\), or Special Immigrant](#), or [Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status](#).

[See more](#) ▼

1 Alert: To improve efficiency and reduce Form I-765 processing times for Form I-485 applicants, USCIS may decouple Forms I-765 from Forms I-131 filed at the same time.

[See more](#) ▼

1 Alert: As of April 1, 2022, we will no longer accept a single, combined fee payment for the filing of Form I-539, Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status; Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization; or Form I-824, Application for Action on an Approved Application or Petition, together with a Form I-129, Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker.

[See more](#) ▼

1 Alert Afghan Parolee: If you are an Afghan national paroled into the United States and you are applying for employment authorization, you will need a Social Security number (SSN) to work in the United States.

[See more](#) ▼

Certain noncitizens who are in the United States may file Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, to request an [Employment Authorization Document \(EAD\)](#). Other noncitizens whose immigration status authorizes them to work in the United States without restrictions may also use Form I-765 to apply for an EAD that shows such authorization.

[File Online](#)

- Create a USCIS Account
- The USCIS system will ask for two-step verification for security purposes upon **every sign-in**. Security code messages may go into your spam/junk folder!
- Keep your account information secure as you will need to return to your account to finish the application and to view updates once you have submitted your application.
- **NOTE:** If you have created a USCIS Online Account before, please use the same account information to file your I-765 OPT application now.



The screenshot shows the USCIS Sign In page. At the top left is the USCIS logo and the text "U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services". Below this is a large blue "Sign In" heading. There are two input fields: "Email" and "Password", both with red asterisks indicating they are required. Below the password field are links for "Forgot your Password?" and "Show Password". A blue "Sign In" button is positioned below the fields. At the bottom, there is a message: "One account for all of your USCIS needs. [Create an account.](#)"

From: MyAccount@uscis.dhs.gov <MyAccount@uscis.dhs.gov>

Sent: Friday, November 12, 2021 2:50 PM

To:

Subject: Secure two-step verification notification

You have requested a secure verification code to log into your USCIS Account.

Please enter this secure verification code: XXXXXXXX

If you are not attempting to log into USCIS, please go to <https://myaccount.uscis.gov>

Please be aware that this update might require your immediate attention.

PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO THIS MESSAGE

Enter your verification code

A verification code has been sent to jessica_hefferman@harvard.edu. Please enter the code that you received. If you do not receive the code in 10 minutes, please [request a new verification code](#).

If you have lost access to jessica_hefferman@harvard.edu, enter your backup code instead, or [Contact Us](#).

Secure verification code *

When you log into your USCIS Account, click **"File a Form Online"**

Welcome To Your USCIS Account

Select What You Want To Do



Add a paper-filed case
View your case status and
case history by adding
your case to your account



File a form online

Start a new form, upload
evidence, and pay and
submit online



Enter a representative
passcode

Review and sign forms
prepared for you by your
attorney or representative



Verify your identity

Answer questions about
your immigration history
to verify your personal
identity



- E-file option is only available for OPT and STEM OPT applications.
- **DO NOT USE** the e-File option for **F-1 Work permission with International Organizations** OR for F-1 Work Authorization for **Economic Hardship**. You must file these applications via standard mail. Contact your [HIO advisor](#) for more information.

Select "**I-765, Application for Employment Authorization**" from the drop down menu.

The screenshot shows the 'File a Form' page on the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services website. The page title is 'File a Form'. Below the title, there is a sub-header 'Select the form you want to file online. Once you start, we will automatically save your information for 30 days, or from the last time you worked on the form.' Below this, there is another instruction: 'Select the form you want to file online.' A dropdown menu is open, showing a list of forms. The form 'I-765, Application for Employment Authorization' is highlighted in blue and is enclosed in a red rectangular box. Other visible forms in the list include 'I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal', 'I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status (TPS)', 'N-336, Request for a Hearing on a Decision in Naturalization Proceedings', and 'N-400, Application for Naturalization'. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security logo, the text 'U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services', and social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

GETTING STARTED SECTION - *Basis of Eligibility*

- Select the type of OPT you are applying for:
 - (c)(3)(B) Post-Completion OPT (*after-graduation; select if graduation this term*)
 - (c)(3)(A) Pre-Completion OPT (*for continuing students only; expected graduation date in future term*)

I-765, Application for
Employment Authorization

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What is your eligibility category?

 You can file your request online only for certain eligibility categories

If your eligibility category does not appear on the drop-down list, you must file a paper [Form I-765](#). If you submit online and are not eligible for one of the listed categories, your application may be denied.

(a)(12) Temporary Protected Status Granted

(c)(3)(A) Student Pre-Completion OPT

(c)(3)(B) Student Post-Completion OPT

(c)(3)(C) STEM Extension

(c)(19) Temporary Protected Status Pending

GETTING STARTED - *Reason for Applying*

- Select **"Initial Permission"**
- This is considered your first time applying for Post-OPT, even if you applied for OPT at another time at Harvard or at another degree level.

The screenshot shows a web form with a left-hand navigation menu and a main content area. The navigation menu includes 'Getting Started' (expanded), 'Basis of eligibility', 'Reason for applying' (current step), 'Preparer and interpreter information', and 'About You'. The main content area is titled 'What is your reason for applying?' and contains three radio button options: 'Initial permission to accept employment' (selected), 'Replacement of lost, stolen, or damaged employment authorization document or correction of my employment authorization document NOT DUE to US Citizenship and Immigration Services error', and 'Renewal of permission to accept employment'.

GETTING STARTED - *Preparer and interpreter information*

- Select **"No"**
- This is a personal application; even though the HIO is involved, you are filing your own case. The first option, "Yes" is not applicable for Harvard OPT applications.

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ABOUT YOU - *Your Name*

- Enter your legal name per your biographical passport page and Form I-20.
- If your name on your passport does not match your current I-20, please contact your [HIO advisor](#).

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About You ▲

- Your name
- Your contact information
- Describe yourself
- When and where you were born
- Your immigration information
- Other information

What is your current legal name?

Your current legal name is the name on your birth certificate, unless it changed after birth by a legal action such as marriage or court order. Do not provide any nicknames here.

Given name (first name)

Middle name

Family name (last name)

ABOUT YOU - *Your Name*

- Select "Yes" if applicable and enter other names

Have you used any other names since birth?
Other names used may include nicknames, aliases and maiden names.

Yes
 No

Provide the other names you have used.

Given name (first name)

Middle name

Family name (last name)

[+ Add another name](#)

ABOUT YOU - *Your contact information*

- Enter your personal U.S. telephone number and primary email address

How may we contact you?

Daytime telephone number

Mobile telephone number (if any)

This is the same as my daytime telephone number.

Email address

ABOUT YOU - *Your contact information*

- Enter a U.S. Mailing Address. Must be valid for at least 5 months from date you submit your application.



What is your current U.S. mailing address?

We will use your current mailing address to contact you throughout the application process. We may not be able to contact you if you do not provide a complete and valid address. Please provide a U.S. address only.

In care of name (if any)

Address line 1

Street number and name

Address line 2

Apartment, suite, unit, or floor

City or town

State

 ▼

ZIP code

MAILING RECOMMENDATIONS

- EADs are considered government documents that cannot be forwarded by the U.S. Postal Service (USPS).
- Your U.S. Mailing Address – This is the address where you will receive your application receipt, approval notice, and OPT EAD.
- If you will move from your current residence in less than 5 months, you should use the U.S. address of a reliable friend or relative who can receive the card for you.
- **DO NOT USE** campus or University mailing addresses, as it will become inactive after graduation.
- Attempting to change the address midway through the OPT application process can cause delays and be extremely disruptive, resulting in lost, or returned OPT EADs.
- Alternatively, you may wish to consider using a U.S. Post Office address (known as a P.O. Box) if that is how you would prefer to receive your mail.
- Prior to completing your U.S. mailing address, verify your address with USPS:
https://tools.usps.com/go/ZipLookupAction_input
- Your U.S. Physical Address should be the address where you reside at time of application.

ABOUT YOU - *Your contact information*

- Select the accurate answer for you.
- Select "No" if your physical/residential address is different than the mailing address you listed in the prior section.
- Enter your residential address at time of application, if applicable (*does not need to be valid for 5 months after submission date*).

Is your current mailing address the same as your physical address?

Yes

No

Where in the United States do you live?

Address line 1

Street number and name

Address line 2

Apartment, suite, unit, or floor

City or town

State

ZIP code

ABOUT YOU - *Describe Yourself*

- Select your gender and marital status.

The screenshot shows a sidebar on the left with a menu containing: Getting Started (dropdown), About You (expanded), Your name, Your contact information, Describe yourself (expanded), When and where you were born, Your immigration information, and Other information. Below this are Evidence, Additional Information, and Review and Submit (all dropdowns). The main content area has two sections: 'What is your gender?' with radio buttons for Male and Female, and 'What is your marital status?' with radio buttons for Single, Married, Divorced, and Widowed. Both sections have a horizontal line below the options.

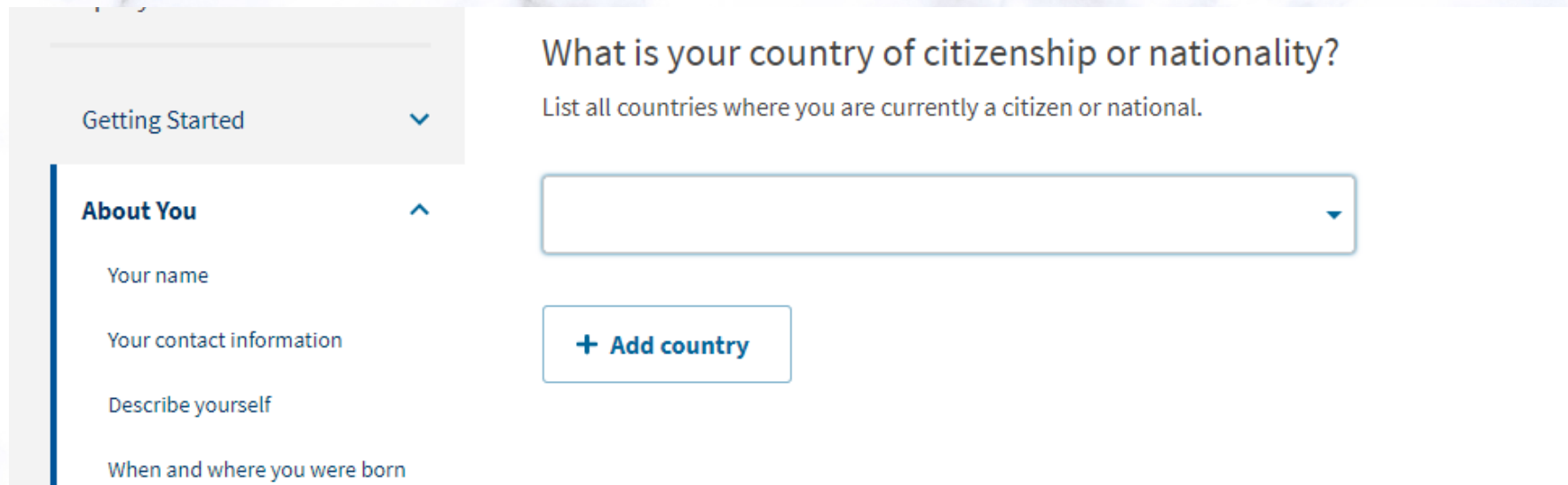
ABOUT YOU - *When and where you were born*

- Enter your information.

The screenshot shows the same sidebar as the previous image, but with 'When and where you were born' expanded in the menu. The main content area has four sections: 'What is your city, town, or village of birth?' with a text input field; 'What is your state or province of birth?' with a text input field; 'What is your country of birth?' with a dropdown menu; and 'What is your date of birth?' with a text input field containing the placeholder 'MM/DD/YYYY'. Each section has a horizontal line below the input field.

ABOUT YOU - *Your immigration information*

- Enter the information per your passport and Form I-20.
- Click "Add country" if you have a second country of citizenship.



The screenshot shows a web interface with a sidebar on the left and a main content area on the right. The sidebar contains a menu with the following items: "Getting Started" (with a downward arrow), "About You" (with an upward arrow and a blue vertical bar to its left), "Your name", "Your contact information", "Describe yourself", and "When and where you were born". The main content area has the heading "What is your country of citizenship or nationality?" followed by the instruction "List all countries where you are currently a citizen or national." Below this is a large, empty rectangular input field with a downward arrow on its right side. At the bottom of the main content area is a button labeled "+ Add country".

ABOUT YOU - *Your immigration information*

- Go to <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/> to access and download your I-94 Arrival Record.
- Enter the eleven (11) digit number from your most recent I-94 record.
- Please verify that the Date of Entry reflects your most recent entry to the U.S. If it is NOT correct, STOP and please contact your [HIO Advisor](#).

What is your Form I-94 Arrival-Departure Record Number (if any)?

123456789AA

ABOUT YOU - *Your immigration information*

- Enter the date of your most recent arrival per your I-94 record.
- Select place of arrival from drop-down menu.
- Select Status from Last Arrival.
 - Unless you had a change of status, you should select ***F-1 Student, Academic, or Language Program***

When did you last arrive in the United States?

List your arrival date, place of arrival, and status at arrival.

Date of arrival

01/01/2021

Place of arrival

BOSTON, MA

Status at last arrival

F1 - Student, Academic Or Language Program.

ABOUT YOU - *Your immigration information*

- Enter your passport number.
- Leave "What is your travel document number (if any)?" blank.
- Enter the expiration date of your passport, and the country which issued your passport (country of citizenship).
- Select **F-1 Student, Academic, or Language Program** for current immigration status.

What is the passport number of your most recently issued passport?

What country issued your passport or travel document?

What is your travel document number (if any)?

What is your current immigration status or category?

What is the expiration date of your passport or travel document?

ABOUT YOU - *Your immigration information*

- Enter SEVIS Number from top left-hand corner of your current Form I-20.

What is your Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Number (if any)?

Use the "Additional Information" section to include all previously used SEVIS numbers.

N- 00100224512

ABOUT YOU - Other information

- Check "I do not have or know my A-Number".
- Check "I do not have or know my USCIS Online Account Number" (not applicable for first time USCIS e-Form/online users).

Getting Started ▼

About You ▲

Your name

Your contact information

Describe yourself

When and where you were born

Your immigration information

Other information

Evidence ▼

Additional Information ▼

Review and Submit ▼

What is your A-Number?

I do not have or know my A-Number.

A-

What is your USCIS Online Account Number?

Providing your unique USCIS Online Account Number (OAN) helps us manage your account. You may already have an OAN if you previously filed certain paper forms and received an Account Access Notice in the mail. You can find the OAN at the top of the notice; it is not the same as an A-Number.

I do not have or know my USCIS Online Account Number.

ABOUT YOU - *Other information*

- If you have ever been issued an SSN (Social Security Number), select **"Yes"** and enter your SSN number. If you have your SSN card, select "No" to the question "Do You want the SSA to issue you a Social Security card?"
- **If you do NOT have an SSN**, the HIO highly recommends that you use the I-765 (this form) to apply for your SSN.
- Select the following options below
 - **"Yes"** to apply
 - **"Yes"** to disclosure

Has the Social Security Administration (SSA) ever officially issued a Social Security card to you?

- Yes
 No

What is your Social Security number (if known)?

Do you want the SSA to issue you a Social Security card?

- Yes
 No

⚠ You must agree to the Consent for Disclosure
If you answer "Yes", you must also answer "Yes" to the Consent for Disclosure.

Consent for Disclosure: I authorize disclosure of information from this application to the SSA as required for the purpose of assigning me an SSN and issuing me a Social Security card.

- Yes
 No

What is your father's birth name?

Given name (first name)	Family name (last name)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

What is your mother's birth name?

Given name (first name)	Family name (last name)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

EVIDENCE - 2 X 2 Photo of You

- Upload recently taken passport sized photo.
- **DO NOT USE** photo from recent passport renewal, U.S. visa application, or prior OPT/EAD application.
- Upload a digital version of a passport style photo (ex: [CVS Photo Center](#))
- Use U.S. Department of State photo composition tool <https://tsg.phototool.state.gov/photo>
- **Note:** After you submit your application, the photo document may be labeled as an 'unvalidated photo' in your documents section. Do not be alarmed, this is to be expected and does not require a new or additional upload. Ensure the photo document that you've uploaded meets the requirements listed.

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About You

Evidence

2 x 2 photo of you

Form I-94

Employment Authorization
Document

Previously authorized CPT or
OPT

Form I-20



2 X 2 Photo Of You

Upload a recent color photograph of yourself that measures 2 inches by 2 inches, with your face measuring 1 inch to 1 3/8 inch from your chin to the top of your head. Your eyes should be between 1 1/8 inch and 1 3/8 inch from the bottom of the photo.



Make sure your whole face is visible, you are facing the camera directly, and the background is white or off-white. Your head must be bare, unless contrary to your religious beliefs.



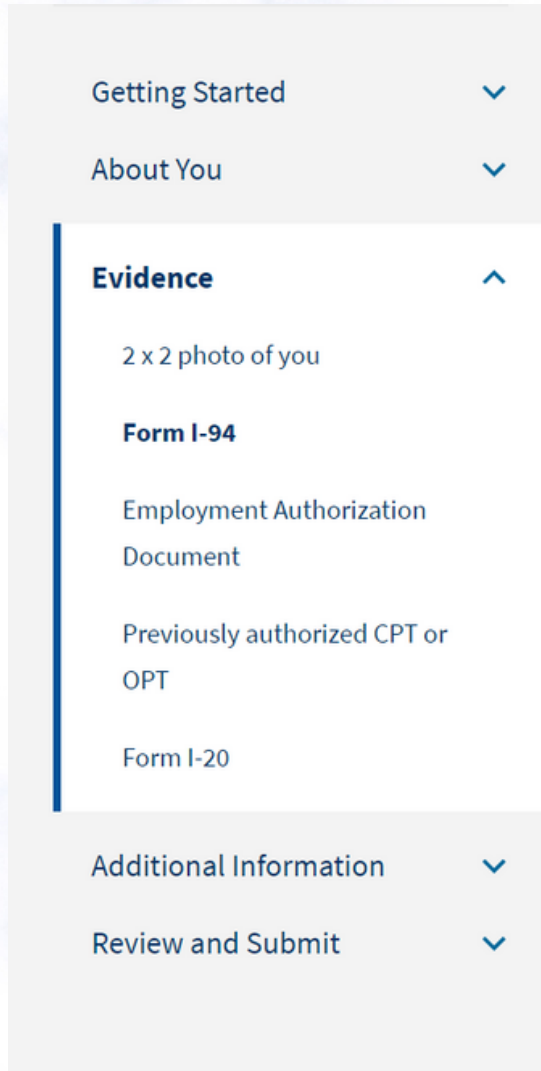
If you need help understanding the photo requirements or want to resize, rotate, or crop your photo, you can use to the Department of State's [photo composition tools](#). Please note that we cannot approve your application without your photo.

File requirements

- Clear and readable
- Accepted file formats: JPG, JPEG, or PNG
- No encrypted or password-protected files
- If your documents are in a foreign language, upload a full English translation and the translator's certification with each original document.
- Upload no more than five documents at a time
- Accepted file name characters: English letters, numbers, spaces, periods, hyphens, underscores, and parentheses
- Maximum size: 6MB per file

EVIDENCE - Form I-94

- Go to I-94 website to access and download your most recent entry record.



The screenshot shows a vertical navigation menu on the left side of the I-94 website. The menu items are: 'Getting Started' with a downward arrow, 'About You' with a downward arrow, 'Evidence' with an upward arrow, '2 x 2 photo of you', 'Form I-94', 'Employment Authorization Document', 'Previously authorized CPT or OPT', 'Form I-20', 'Additional Information' with a downward arrow, and 'Review and Submit' with a downward arrow. A red checkmark icon is overlaid on the 'Evidence' section.



Form I-94, Arrival And Departure Record Or Passport

Upload a copy of one of the following:

- Your Form I-94, Arrival-Departure Record (front and back);
- A printout of your electronic Form I-94 ; or
- Your passport or other travel document.

If you were admitted to the United States by CBP at an airport or seaport after April 30, 2013, CBP may have issued you an electronic Form I-94 instead of a paper Form I-94. You may visit the [CBP website](#) to obtain a paper version of an electronic Form I-94. CBP does not charge a fee for this service. Some travelers admitted to the United States at a land border, airport, or seaport, after April 30, 2013, with a passport or travel document, who were issued a paper Form I-94 by CBP, may also be able to obtain a replacement Form I-94 from the CBP website without charge.

If your Form I-94 cannot be obtained from the CBP website, it may be obtained by filing [Form I-102, Application for Replacement/Initial Nonimmigrant Arrival-Departure Record](#), with USCIS. USCIS does charge a fee for this service.

If you do not have and cannot get a required document, you must demonstrate this and provide secondary evidence. If secondary evidence does not exist or is unavailable, you must demonstrate both the unavailability of the required document and the relevant secondary evidence and submit two or more sworn affidavits by people not named on this application who have direct knowledge of the event and circumstances.

[Learn more about Primary and Secondary evidences.](#)

File requirements

- Clear and readable
- Accepted file formats: JPG, JPEG, PDF, TIF or TIFF
- No encrypted or password-protected files
- If your documents are in a foreign language, upload a full English translation and the translator's certification with each original document.
- Upload no more than five documents at a time
- Accepted file name characters: English letters, numbers, spaces, periods,

EVIDENCE - *Passport Biographical Page*

- **All applicants** must upload a clear picture of your government issued valid passport, AND
- Additionally, if you were previously issued an EAD, upload a clear picture of any previously issued EAD documents, if applicable.

Getting Started	▼
About You	▼
Evidence	▲
2 x 2 photo of you	
Form I-94	
Employment Authorization Document	
Previously authorized CPT or OPT	
Form I-20	
Additional Information	▼
Review and Submit	▼



Employment Authorization Document Or Government ID

Upload a copy of your last Employment Authorization document (EAD) (front and back). If you were not previously issued an EAD, you must upload a copy of a government-issued identity document (such as a passport) showing your picture, name, and date of birth; a birth certificate with photo ID; a visa issued by a foreign consulate; or a national ID document with photo and/or fingerprint. The identity document photocopy must clearly show your facial features and contain your biographical information.

File requirements

- Clear and readable
- Accepted file formats: JPG, JPEG, PDF, TIF or TIFF
- No encrypted or password-protected files
- If your documents are in a foreign language, upload a full English translation and the translator's certification with each original document.
- Upload no more than five documents at a time
- Accepted file name characters: English letters, numbers, spaces, periods, hyphens, underscores, and parentheses
- Maximum size: 12MB per file

EVIDENCE - *Previously authorized CPT or OPT*

- Upload evidence of all previously authorized CPT or OPT periods, if applicable (i.e. I-20s showing CPT or OPT authorization, etc.).

Getting Started ▼

About You ▼

Evidence ▲

2 x 2 photo of you

Form I-94

Employment Authorization Document

Previously authorized CPT or OPT

Form I-20

Additional Information ▼

Review and Submit ▼



Previously Authorized CPT Or OPT

Upload evidence of any previously authorized CPT or OPT and the academic level at which it was authorized.

File requirements

- Clear and readable
- Accepted file formats: JPG, JPEG, PDF, TIF or TIFF
- No encrypted or password-protected files
- If your documents are in a foreign language, upload a full English translation and the translator's certification with each original document.
- Upload no more than five documents at a time
- Accepted file name characters: English letters, numbers, spaces, periods, hyphens, underscores, and parentheses
- Maximum size: 6MB per file

EVIDENCE - Form I-20

- Upload a **SIGNED** copy of the most recently issued OPT I-20 from the HIO.



**DO NOT FILE WITHOUT THE OPT I-20 FROM THE HIO.
MAKE SURE YOU HAVE PRINTED AND SIGNED THE I-20 DOCUMENT
ON THE CORRECT LINE ON PAGE 1 BEFORE UPLOADING!**



Getting Started ▼

About You ▼

Evidence ▲

- 2 x 2 photo of you
- Form I-94
- Employment Authorization Document
- Previously authorized CPT or OPT
- Form I-20**

Additional Information ▼

Review and Submit ▼

I-20, Certificate Of Eligibility For Nonimmigrant Student Status

Upload a copy of the Form I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status endorsed by the Designated School Official (DSO). For the (c)(3)(B) eligibility category, your DSO must have entered the recommendation for OPT into your SEVIS record within 30 days of you submitting Form I-765. If you fail to do so, we will deny your OPT request. For the (c)(3)(C) eligibility category, the Form I-20 must have been endorsed by the DSO within 60 days of submitting Form I-765.

File requirements

- Clear and readable
- Accepted file formats: JPG, JPEG, PDF, TIF or TIFF
- No encrypted or password-protected files
- If your documents are in a foreign language, upload a full English translation and the translator's certification with each original document.
- Upload no more than five documents at a time
- Accepted file name characters: English letters, numbers, spaces, periods, hyphens, underscores, and parentheses
- Maximum size: 6MB per file

Choose or drop files here to upload

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - *Previously issued SEVIS ID Numbers*

- Click **"Add Response."**
- Select option from drop-down menu.
- **TYPE** Answer/Explanation - you will **NOT** be uploading any documents in this section.
- **For example:** Some students may have been issued more than one SEVIS ID during their time in the U.S. Many students who took a leave of absence will have 2 or more SEVIS IDs.
 - See example below:

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Additional information

Review and Submit ▲

Review your application

Additional Information

If you need to provide any additional information for any of your answers to the questions in this form, enter it into the space below. You should include the questions that you are referencing.

If you do not need to provide any additional information, you may leave this section blank.

Section

About You ▼

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Your immigration information ▼

Question

What is your Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Number (if any)? ▲

issued passport?

What is your travel document number (if any)?

What is the expiration date of your passport or travel document?

What country issued your passport or travel document?

What is your current immigration status or category?

What is your Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Number (if any)?

Additional Information

If you need to provide any additional information for any of your answers to the questions in this form, enter it into the space below. You should include the questions that you are referencing.

If you do not need to provide any additional information, you may leave this section blank.

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Question

What is your Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Number (if any)? ▼

Additional information

Previous SEVIS ID: .
SEVIS ID:NXXXXXXXXXXXX
Program Start Date - Program End Date
Degree level (Bachelor's, Master's, PhD, etc.)

You must provide a response. 0/500

Save response **Cancel**

REVIEW AND SUBMIT - *Review your application*

Getting Started



About You



Evidence



Additional Information



Review and Submit



Review your application

Your application summary

Your statement

Check your application before you submit

We will review your application to check for accuracy and completeness before you submit it.

We encourage you to provide as many responses as you can throughout the application, to the best of your knowledge. Missing information can slow down the review process after you submit your application.


You can return to this page to review your application as many times as you want before you submit it.

Your fee

 Your form filing fee is:

Refund Policy: USCIS does not refund fees, regardless of any action we take on your application, petition or request, or how long USCIS takes to reach a decision. By continuing this transaction, you acknowledge that you must submit fees in the exact amount and that you are paying the fees for a government service.

Alerts and warnings

 We found no alerts or warnings in your application



DO NOT FILE WITHOUT THE OPT I-20 FROM THE HIO



REVIEW AND SUBMIT - *Review your application*

- Select "View draft snapshot" to download and review for accuracy.
- HIO recommends saving I-765 PDF for your records.

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Review your application

Review the I-765 form information

 Print

Here is a summary of all the information you provided in your application.

Make sure you have provided responses for everything that applies to you before you submit your application. You can edit your responses by going to each application section using the site navigation.

We also prepared a draft case snapshot with your responses, which you can download below.

 [View draft snapshot](#)



SUBMITTING PAYMENT = FILING YOUR CASE WITH USCIS



Submit Payment

IMPORTANT: Once your payment has been successfully received, your application will be filed!!

- You cannot change or edit your I-765 application responses after payment has been submitted.
- The USCIS fee is non-refundable.
- Once you are ready, the system will direct you to Pay.gov, a US government payment site.
 - You will be able to pay the application fee using a US credit / debit card or through an ACH transfer (direct withdrawal) from your US checking account.
 - Make sure to double check that you have entered your debit/credit card number correctly.

Finish and continue to pay and submit

By finishing this form, your Form I-765 will be locked and no further changes can be made. Please make sure that the information on your Form I-765 is complete and accurate before continuing. If you need to make any edits after finishing, you will need to create both a new Form I-821 and a new Form I-765.

Next, you will continue to the pay and submit page where you can pay for and submit both your Form I-821 and Form I-765 at the same time.

Back

Continue



We will send you to Pay.gov — our safe and secure payment website — to pay your fees and submit your form online.

Here are the steps in the payment and submission process:

1. Provide your billing information on Pay.gov
2. Provide your credit card or U.S. bank account information
3. Submit your payment

When you have paid your fee, your form will be submitted.

Pay.gov will redirect you to a uscis.gov confirmation screen, which will include your receipt number. Please keep a copy of your receipt number for your records. You can track the status of your application through your USCIS online account.

Pay and submit

TRACK CASE & STATUS UPDATES

- You will receive your USCIS receipt number shortly after paying and submitting your case.
- Log-in to your USCIS account for all case updates.
 - You will also receive the official USCIS receipt notices via the USPS mail service.
 - Contact your HIO advisor if you do not receive your physical receipt notice within 60 days.

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USCIS Notices

File	Date Sent
Receipt Notice.pdf	April 13, 2021

Your uploads

You may upload additional evidence that you believe may assist USCIS in adjudicating your requested. USCIS will consider the timeliness and relevance of unrequested evidence when making a decision on your case.

File	Document
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Unsolicited evidence

Unsolicited evidence is any additional information or evidence that we did not request from you. USCIS will consider the timeliness and relevance of this information when making a decision on your case.

Upload evidence

Case status Case history Documents

Case history

Status	Date
Card Was Produced	January 19,
We are producing your new card for your Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization.	January 14
We received your Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, and sent you a receipt notice.	December 17

The HIO provides general guidance on your OPT/STEM OPT application based on information obtained from reliable sources and reflecting our years of experience in working with students. We make every attempt to ensure that we provide you with the most up to date information available. Any advice provided to you by our office (as well as the information in this packet) does not constitute legal advice, however. The OPT application is a personal application for which you are responsible; the application preparation and USCIS case decision will vary depending on the facts at issue in your particular case. The HIO does its best to provide you with the most current guidance, but please be mindful that USCIS may change its interpretation of these policies, procedures, regulations, and eligibility requirements at any time. The HIO is not responsible for any errors or omissions, or for the results obtained from USCIS. a subheading