

STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTION: ONLINE OPT STEM APPLICATION

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Please note that this tutorial is for instructional purposes only.

An OPT application to USCIS is your own personal application. You alone are responsible for timely filing with full documentation, understanding F-1 rules regarding OPT, and properly maintaining F-1 status.

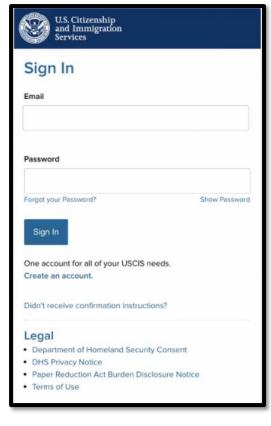
Please review the entire tutorial and ask your QC international adviser if you have questions.

Application website: Application for Employment Authorization | USCIS

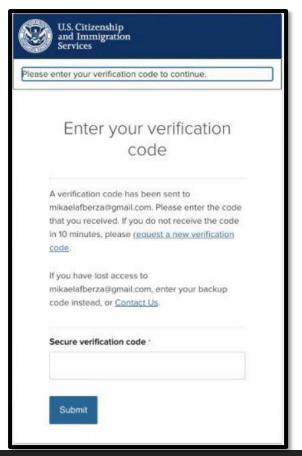
(www.uscis.gov/i-765)

To create account: <u>How to Create a USCIS Online Account | USCIS</u>

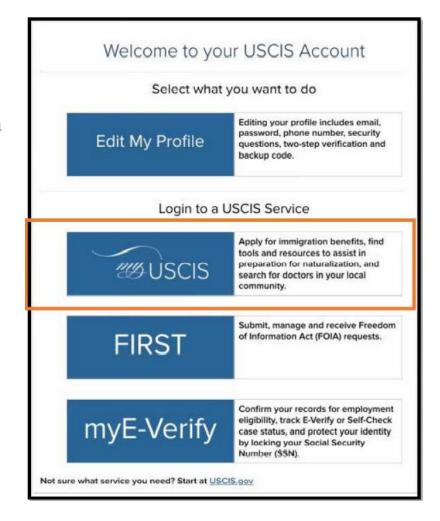
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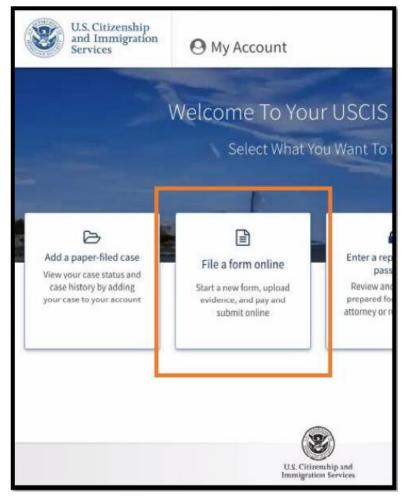


Enter your verification code (sent to the method you chose when creating account) to authenticate your login.



Click on myUSCIS, then File a form online.





File a Form Once you start your form, we will automatically save your information for 30 days, or from the last time you worked on the form. Select the form you want to file online. Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card (I-90) Request for a Hearing on a Decision in Naturalization Proceedings Application for Naturalization (N-400) Application for Replacement Naturalization/Citizenship Document (N-565) Application for Certificate of Citizenship (N-600) Application for Citizenship and Issuance of Certificate Under Section 322 (N-600K) Application for Employment Authorization (I-765) Only certain F-1 students seeking optional practical training (OPT) may file Form I-765 online. This includes: Pre-completion OPT - (c)(3)(A) eligibility category; Post-completion OPT - (c)(3)(B) eligibility category; or · a 24-month extension for STEM students (students holding a degree in science technology, engineering, or mathematics) - (c)(3)(C) eligibility category. For all other eligibility categories, you must submit a paper Form 1-765. Petition for Alien Relative (I-130) Application To Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status (I-539)

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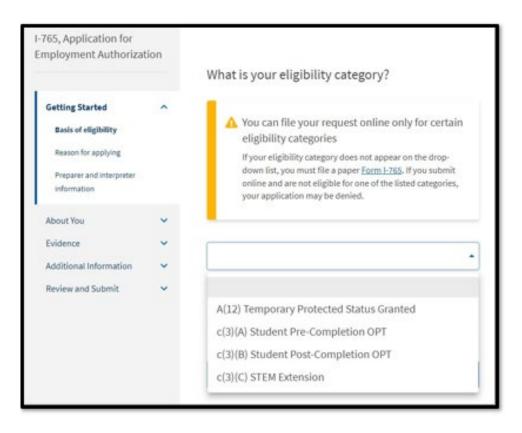
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- •(c)(3)(B) Post-completion OPT: If you are currently enrolled as an F1 student and would like to apply for the ability to train/work/volunteer based on completion of program/graduation, you will apply for the 12-Month Full-Time standard Post-completion OPT (c)(3)(B) eligibility category, regardless of whether your major is STEM Extension OPT eligible.
- •(c)(3)(C) STEM Extension OPT: If you are currently working as an F1 student on the 12-Month Full-Time standard Post-completion OPT, and have a STEM Extension OPT eligible CIP code and would like to extend your current post-completion OPT, you will apply for the 24-Month Full-Time STEM Extension OPT (c)(3)(C) eligibility category.

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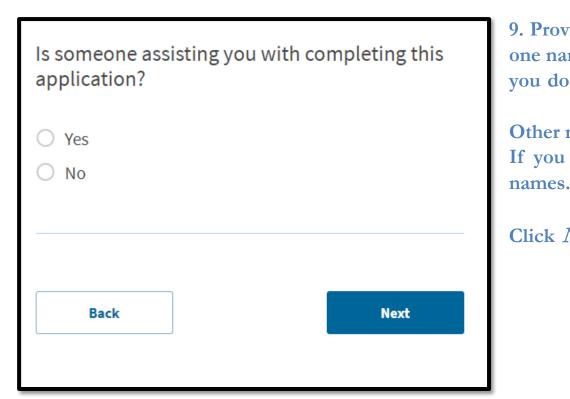


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Choose according to below instructions and click next.

- •Initial permission to apply to accept employment: Select this if this is your first time applying for OPT or if you have applied for OPT after you received a Bachelor's/Master's and now you are applying for a second or third OPT based on the most recent degree completion (e.g. current Master's/Doctorate).
- •Select if you are currently working as an F1 student on the 12-Month Full-Time standard Post-completion OPT, and have a STEM Extension OPT eligible CIP code and would like to apply for the 24-Month Full-Time STEM Extension OPT (c)(3)(C) eligibility category.

If this is your FIRST I-765 form filed, answer NO. If you have filed an I-765 before, regardless of the category, answer YES.

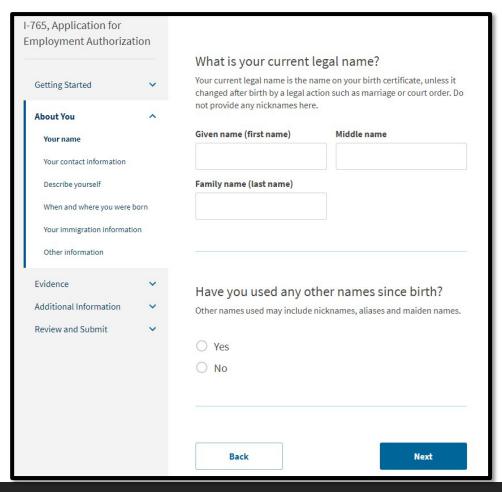


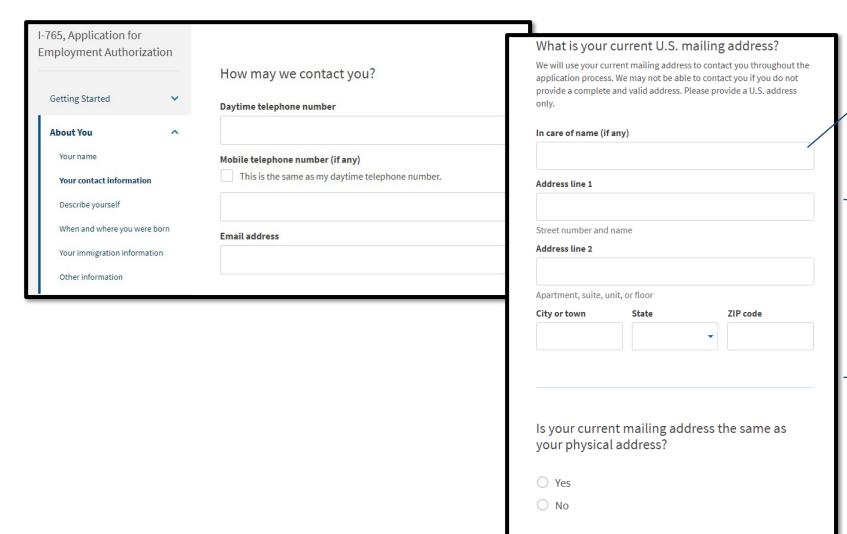
Answer No. Then, click *Next*.

9. Provide your name exactly as it appears in your passport. If you only have one name, you may be required to place it in the family/last name field. If you do not have a middle name, leave it blank.

Other names: If you have never had your name legally changed, answer No. If you answer Yes, a new section will pop out for you to add other used

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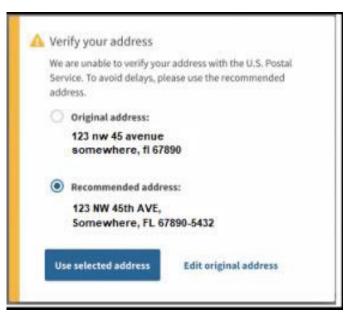


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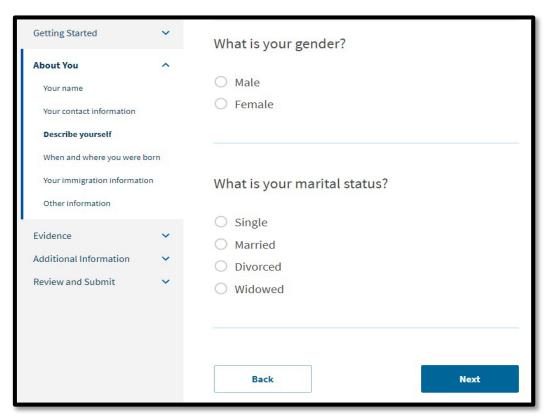
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If you are using a friend's/family member's address, provide their name in this field.

This is the address where USCIS will mail your OPT card and any other relevant documents. USCIS requests 90-120 days to adjudicate your application, therefore, you should be able to receive mail at this address for at least 3-4 months



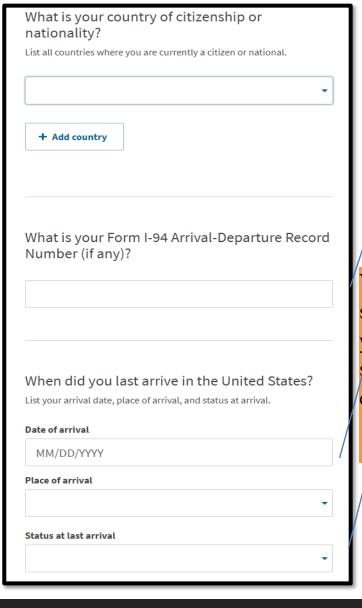
verify the address.



Provide accurate information on the next two pages. Click *Next* when ready.



13. Provide accurate information on following pages. Click *Next* when ready.



Download most recent I-94 from: <u>I94</u>
- Official Website (dhs.gov)

Click on "Get Travel History" to see your number, status and place of arrival.

You must be in F1-Student status to be eligible for OPT. If you are currently in the US in a status other than F1, you are not eligible for OPT.

What is the passport number of your most recently issued passport? What is your travel document number (if any)? What is the expiration date of your passport or travel document? MM/DD/YYYY What country issued your passport or travel document?

Enter the numbers which follow the "N" in your SEVIS number on your I-20.

If you have renewed your passport since you last entered the US, your most recently issued passport may have a different number from your most recent I-94. That is fine. Provide the number of your valid and most recently issued passport on this page.

F-1 students do not have travel documents. You have passport and visa for travel.

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If you have previously been issued an Employment Authorization Document (EAD), your A-Number is the same as the USCIS# found on the EAD. Otherwise, check the "I do not have or know my A-Number" box.

If this is the first application you are filing online, you do not have a USCIS Online Account Number yet. You will have a USCIS Online Account Number after filing this application.

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○ Yes ○ No		
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14. Upload your photo as required. Click *Next* when ready.

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 <u>photo composition</u> 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.
- Accepted characters: English letters, numbers, spaces, periods, hyphens, underscores, and parentheses
- Maximum size: 6MB per file

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I-94, Arrival And Departure Record

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 <u>CBP website</u> 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.

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- · Accepted file formats: JPG, JPEG, PDF, TIF, or TIFF
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You may obtain your most recent electronic I-94 at https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/#/home.

Click on "Get Most Recent I-94."

You may also upload a copy of your passport identification pages(s) in this section as an additional document, however, the next section also allows for uploading your passport, if you have never been issued an Employment Authorization Document, previously.

15. Upload documents as required on following pages. Click Next when ready.

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. Accepted characters: English letters, numbers, spaces, periods, hyphens, underscores, and parentheses

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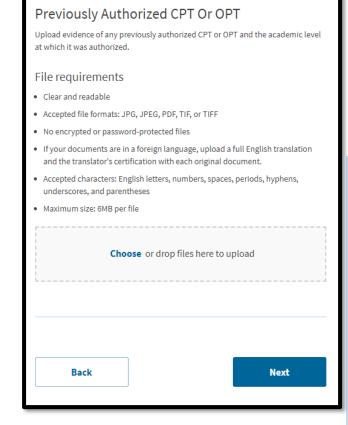
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If you have been issued an Employment Authorization Document by USCIS in the past (such as for OPT after a previous degree program), upload a copy here.

Otherwise, upload a copy of your passport identification page(s) here.

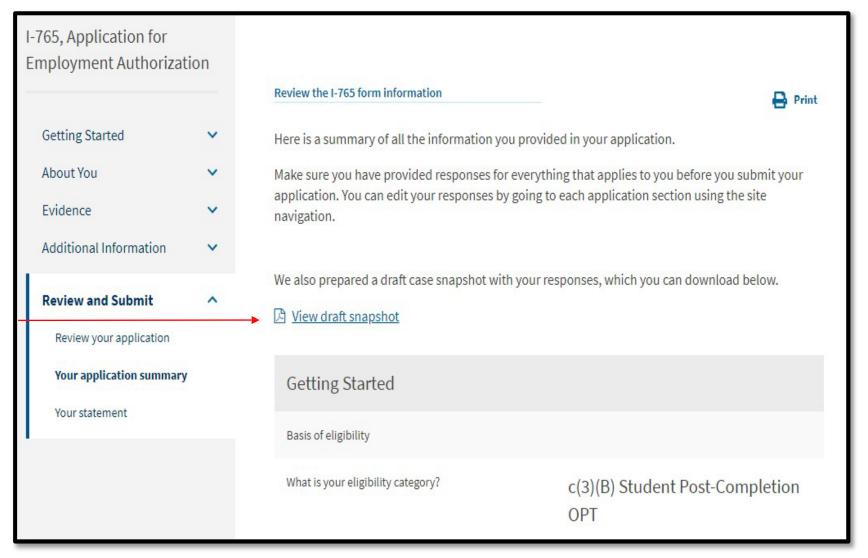


If you have had CPT or OPT before:

- CPT: upload a copy of the I-20 you received with the CPT authorization.
- OPT/STEM OPT: Upload a copy of the EAD card you received from USCIS.

If you have not had either CPT or OPT, click *Next* to continue.

Save a PDF of your application by clicking here. You will need to send it to ISSO for review



Obtain an updated Form I-20 with an OPT Recommendation

Complete and submit the following to the ISSO at iss@qc.cuny.edu:

- 1. The Form I-765- Application for Employment Authorization. The electronic draft you saved will look like this
- 2. <u>Submit the OPT request disclaimer form (Must be hand-signed, NO ELECTRONIC SIGN)</u>
- 3. Form I-983, Training Plan.
- 4. Employment Verification Letter.
- 5. Your Graduate Center Diploma.
- 6. All previous Employment Authorization Cards (Form-766)

QC ISSO will process a new I-20 with the OPT recommendation dates and will email a copy with electronic signature so you can print it, sign and submit it with your I765 on line application

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Check your new OPT I-20 for accuracy

After receiving your OPT I-20, notify ISSO immediately if there are any errors.

Education Level

Program End Date

(I-20 will remain valid through OPT authorization period on page 2 or the approved EAD card dates)

School Attestation

Make sure there is a ISSO advisor signature. Check the DATE ISSUED— USCIS must receive your application within 30 days of this date.

Student Attestation

You should sign & date I-20. Students 18 and over do not need a parent's signature.

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Student Signature

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You will receive a new travel signature at the time you request your OPT I-20.

Please note: USCIS must receive your application within 30 days of the DATE ISSUED date on PAGE 1, not the travel signature date. (The travel signature may be a later date.)

Department of Homeland Security

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status OMB NO. 1653-0038

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EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATIONS

TYPE		FULL/PART-TIME STATUS		START DATE	END DATE	
FOOT-COMPLETION OFF	FULL 1	TIME	REQUESTED	16 JUNE 2022	15 JUNE 2023	

CHANGE OF STATUS/CAP-GAP EXTENSION

AUTHORIZED REDUCED COURSE LOAD

CURRENT SESSION DATES

CURRENT SESSION START DATE	CURRENT SESSION END DATE
28 JANUARY 2022	24 MAY 2022

TRAVEL ENDORSEMENT

This page, when properly endorsed, may be used for re-entry of the student to attend the same school after a temporary absence from the United States. Each endorsement is valid for one year.

Designated School Official	TITLE	SIGNATURE X	DATE ISSUED	PLACE ISSUED
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Upload the OPT STEM I-20 which ISSO issue to you with the **OPT** recommendation on page 2. The OPT STEM I-20 must be signed and dated by both you (on page 1) and the advisor (on pages 1 and 2). Print it, sign and upload to your PC in a PDF format before you complete your application

Make sure you emailed the requested documents to ISSO to receive your new OPT STEM I-20

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. Accepted characters: English letters, numbers, spaces, periods, hyphens, underscores, and parentheses Maximum size: 6MB per file Choose or drop files here to upload Back Next

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.



You can upload a copy of your F-1 Visa in this section. Your F-1 visa does not have to be valid. After you receive your OPT STEM I-20 from your ISSO advisor, log back in to finish your application.

I-765, Application for Employment Authorization

Getting Started

Additional Information

Review and Submit

Review your application

Your application summary

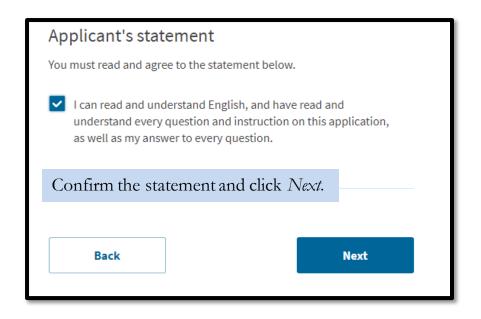
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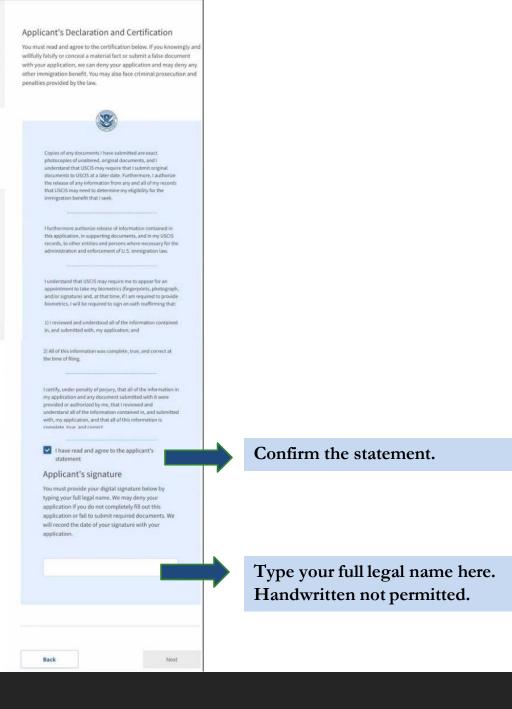
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About You

Evidence

We recommend to make sure everything is correct before you submit the application





16. Check your application and fix all alerts and warnings.

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



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.

Here it will show the correct fee for the OPT application. You will be able to pay by ACH withdrawal from your savings/checking account or by credit/debit card.

Alerts and warnings

You have one or more alerts and warnings based on the information you provided in your application.

A red alert means you have incomplete responses or inconsistent data. You cannot submit your application with any alerts.

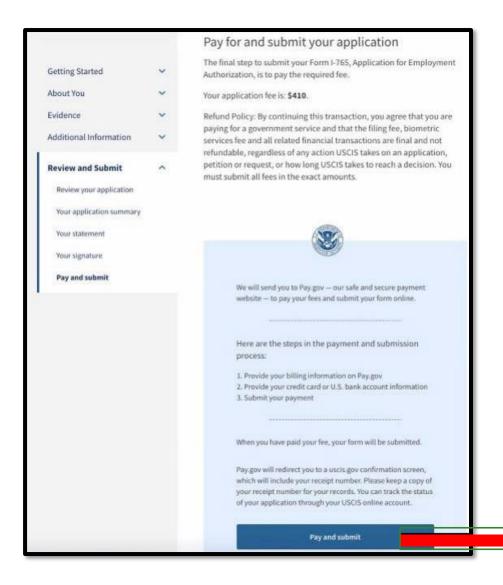
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Make payment and submit your application.



Click here. You will be taken to Pay.gov to pay the application fee.

20. Choose your payment method and put in payment information.

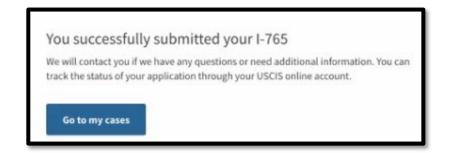


Once you have completed the Pay.gov sections, you should

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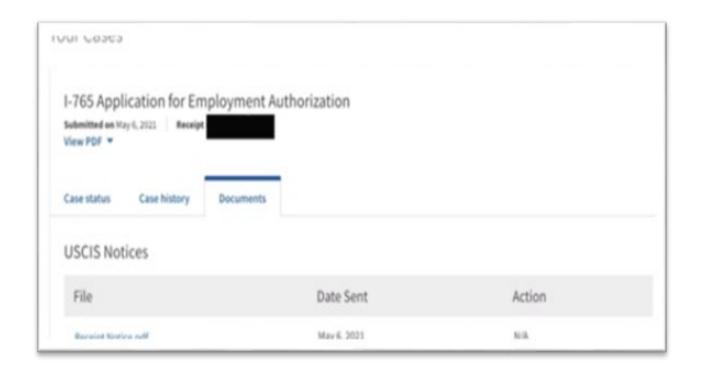
*receive an email from Pay.gov with your payment confirmation.

Make sure to securely store these confirmation notice for your future record.





You have submitted your OPT STEM application! You may follow the progress of the application by viewing "Your Cases" in your *myUSCIS* account and clicking on *Case Status*, *Case History*, or *Documents for application history/receipt*.



Questions?
ISSO is happy to help!



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Website: www.qc.cuny.edu/isso

