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Online STEM OPT Application

Form I-765 Filing Guidebook

Important: Please Read Before Beginning

The purpose of this guidebook is to assist students in filing for the Optional Practical Training STEM Extension (c)(3)(C) via an online account with U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). The information contained on our website is provided as a service to the international students, faculty, staff, employees, and administrators of Wichita State University, and does not constitute legal advice on any immigration, tax, or other matter. Our goal is to provide useful information, but we make no claims, promises, or guarantees about the accuracy, completeness, or adequacy of the information contained in or linked to this website or any associated site. As legal advice must be tailored to the specific circumstances of each case, and laws are constantly changing, nothing provided herein should be used as a substitute for the advice of competent counsel. Neither Wichita State University nor the Office of International Education (OIE) is responsible for any errors or omissions contained in this website, or for the results obtained from the use of this information.

Accessing the USCIS Website

Online Form I-765: Application for Employment Authorization | USCIS

Creating Your USCIS Account: How to Create a USCIS Online Account | USCIS

The rest of this document assumes you have followed the above steps to create a USCIS account. If you created an account to file your post-completion OPT application, you can use the same profile to file the STEM Extension application.

1. Go to [uscis.gov](https://www.uscis.gov) and click *Sign In*.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Sign In

Email *

Password *

Forgot your Password? Show Password

Sign In

One account for all of your USCIS needs.
[Create an account.](#)

Didn't receive confirmation instructions?

Legal

- Department of Homeland Security Consent
- DHS Privacy Notice
- FBI Privacy Notice
- Paper Reduction Act Burden Disclosure Notice
- Terms of Use

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

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Please enter your verification code to continue.

Enter your verification code

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

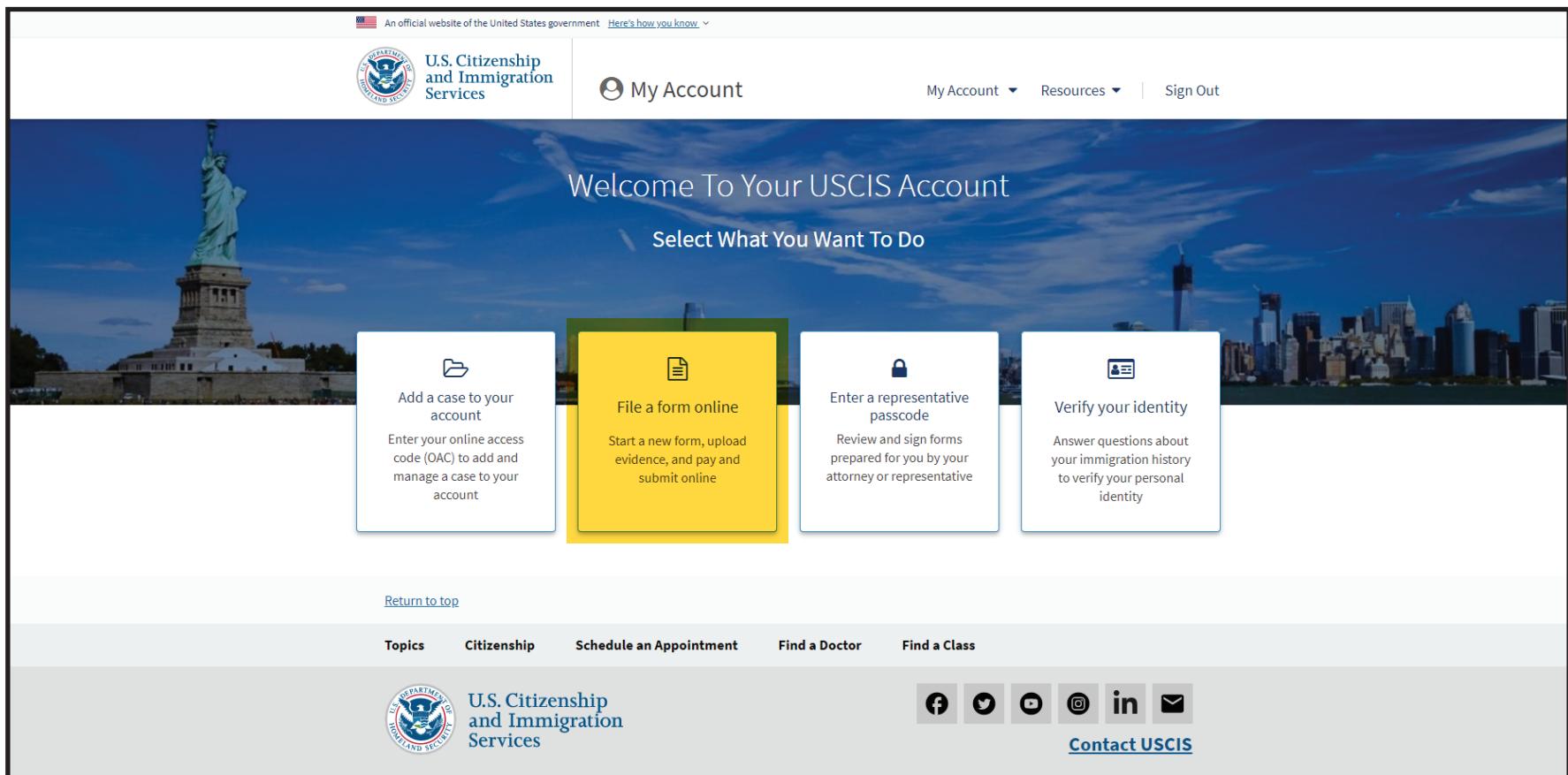
If you have lost access to thomas.benz@wichita.edu, enter your backup code instead, or [Contact Us](#).

Secure verification code *

Submit

Starting Your Application

3. Select the *File a form online* option highlighted below.



An official website of the United States government [Here's how you know](#)

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

My Account

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Welcome To Your USCIS Account

Select What You Want To Do

-  Add a case to your account
Enter your online access code (OAC) to add and manage a 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

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Selecting the Correct Form

4. Select the highlighted option below:

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File a Form

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.

Fee waiver: If you are requesting a fee waiver, you cannot file online. You must file a paper version of both the Form I-912, Request for Fee Waiver and the form for the specific benefit you are requesting. You can review the fee waiver guidance at www.uscis.gov/feewaiver.

Select the form you want to file online.

- I-130, Petition for Alien Relative
- I-131, Application for Travel Document
- I-134A, Online Request to be a Supporter and Declaration of Financial Support
- I-539, Application To Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status
- I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal
- I-765, Application for Employment Authorization**
- I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status (TPS)

5. Click *Start form* to continue.

Select the form you want to file online.

- I-765, Application for Employment Authorization

Use this form to request employment authorization and an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) if your immigration status allows you to work in the United States.

Note: You may apply online if your eligibility category is:

- (a)(12) - Temporary Protected Status (You are submitting an initial Form I-821 or you have an approved Form I-821);
- (c)(3)(A) - F-1 student, pre-completion OPT;
- (c)(3)(B) - F-1 student, post-completion OPT;
- (c)(3)(C) - F-1 student, 24-month extension for STEM students (students holding a degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics);
- (c)(8) - Applicants for Asylum under the ABC Settlement Agreement;
- (c)(8) - Application for Employment Authorization Based on Pending Form I-589, Application for Asylum or for Withholding of Removal;
- (c)(11) - Parole;
- (c)(19) - Temporary Protected Status (You have a pending Form I-821); or
- (c)(33) - Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) (You must have a pending or approved Form I-821D in order to file Form I-765).

All other applicants must submit a paper [Form I-765](#).

Concurrent filing available
You can file Form I-907, Request for Premium Processing Service, if you are filing under one of the eligible categories.

If you request premium processing, we will present Form I-907 for you to complete after you sign Form I-765. This will allow you to pay for and submit both forms at the same time.

Start form

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6. This page contains a large amount of useful information about the I-765 application. For more information about your application category, please read the highlighted (c)(3)(C) section. After reviewing this page, click *Next* to continue.

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7. Further details about the I-765 application. Click the *Start* button to begin filling out your form.

Completing Your Form Online

Filing online

Submitting your application online is the same as mailing in a completed paper form. They both gather the same information.

Complete the Getting Started section first

You should answer all questions in the Getting Started section first so we can best customize the rest of your online form experience.

Provide as many responses as you can

You should provide as many responses as you can. Incomplete fields or sections and missing information can slow down the process after you submit your form.

We will automatically save your responses

We will automatically save your information when you select next to go to a new page or navigate to another section of the form. We will save your information for 30 days from today, or from the last time you worked on the form.

How to continue filling out your form

After you start your form, you can sign in to your account to continue where you left off.

DHS Privacy Notice

AUTHORITIES: The information requested on this application, and the associated evidence, is collected under the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. section 1324a, and 8 CFR 274a.13.

PURPOSE: The primary purpose for providing the requested information on this application is to determine eligibility for certain aliens who are temporarily in the United States requesting an Employment Authorization Document. DHS uses the information you provide to grant or deny the benefit you are seeking.

DISCLOSURE: The information you provide is voluntary. However, failure to provide the requested information, including your Social Security number, and any requested evidence may delay a final decision or result in a rejection or denial of your application.

ROUTINE USES: DHS may, where allowable under relevant confidentiality provisions, share the information you provide on this application and any additional requested evidence with other Federal, state, local, and foreign government agencies and authorized organizations. DHS follows approved routine uses, as described in the published system of records notices [DHS/USCIS-001 – Alien File Index, and National File Tracking System; DHS/USCIS-007 – Benefit Information System; DHS/USCIS-010 – Asylum Information and Pre-Screening; and DHS/USCIS-017 Refugee Case Processing and Security Screening Information System] and the published privacy impact assessments [DHS/USCIS/PIA-016(a) Computer Linked Application Information Management System and Associated Systems; DHS/USCIS/PIA-027 Asylum Division; DHS/USCIS/PIA-056 USCIS Electronic Immigration System; and DHS/USCIS/PIA-068 Refugee Case Processing and Security Vetting], which you can find at www.dhs.gov/privacy. DHS may also share this information as appropriate for law enforcement purposes or in the interest of national security.

Paperwork Reduction Act

An agency may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information, unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at 4 hours and 30 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering the required documentation and information, completing the application, preparing statements, attaching necessary documentation, and submitting the application. The collection of biometrics is estimated to require 1 hour and 10 minutes. The public reporting burden for the collection of information for Form I-765WS's is estimated at 30 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering the required documentation and information, completing the application, preparing statements, attaching necessary documentation, and submitting the application. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to:

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division
5000 Capital Gateway Drive, Mail Stop #2140
Camp Springs, MD 20588-0009

Do not mail your completed I-765 application to this address.

OMB No. 1615-0040

Expires: 10/31/2025

Security Reminder

If you do not work on your application for more than 30 days, we will delete your data in order to prevent storing personal information indefinitely.

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Basis of Eligibility

8. Choose the (c)(3)(C) category from the drop-down menu. This is the category that all F-1 students who are applying for the STEM Extension will use.

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What is your degree?

What is your employer's name as listed in E-Verify?

What is your employer's E-Verify company identification number or a valid E-Verify client company identification number?

Provide a 4 to 7-digit employer identification number.

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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)(8) Pending Asylum and Withholding of Removal Applicants and Applicants for Asylum under the ABC Settlement Agreement
(c)(11) Parole
(c)(11) Afghan Parole

9. Type the name of your degree as it is listed on your diploma.

10. Consult with your employer to ensure you have the accurate E-Verify company name and E-Verify identification number. **Note:** The E-Verify number is **NOT** the same as the EIN number that is listed on your I-983.

Basis of Eligibility *cont.*

11. After choosing your category, you will be asked if you would like to apply for premium processing. It is your choice what to choose at this step. Please note that there is an additional fee of \$1685 if you select Yes. After making your choice, click *Next* to move to the next page.

Be aware that if you choose to continue with premium processing, you will be required to fill out an additional form (I-907).

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Would you like to request Premium Processing Service?

Premium Processing Service guarantees that USCIS will take one of several possible actions (issue an approval notice, a denial notice, a notice of intent to deny, or a request for evidence or open an investigation for fraud or misrepresentation) on your Form I-765 within 30 days.

The fee for Premium Processing Service for Form I-765 is \$1,685.

If you request premium processing, you will be asked to complete the Form I-907 after you sign your Form I-765. You will then be able to pay for and submit both forms at the same time.

Yes
 No

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What is your reason for applying?

Initial permission to accept employment

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

Renewal of permission to accept employment

Have you previously filed Form I-765?

Yes

No

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14. If you have a legal representative assisting you with this application, answer Yes. Otherwise, answer No. Once you have answered, click Next.

12. Select *Initial permission to accept employment*.

For standard post-completion OPT the eligibility category is (c)(3)(B) and for the STEM OPT Extension the category is (c)(3)(C). Because these are different categories, the "initial permission to accept employment" box is the appropriate box to check when filing for the STEM OPT Extension. You aren't renewing your standard post-completion OPT, you are applying for a new type of work authorization, STEM OPT.

13. Because you previously filed a Form I-765 when filing for post-completion OPT, answer YES. Once you have answered, click NEXT.

Is someone assisting you with completing this application?

Yes

No

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- When and where you were born
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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)

Have you used any other names since birth?

Other names used may include nicknames, aliases and maiden names.

Yes

No

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15. Provide your name exactly as it appears in your passport. If you 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.

16. If you have never had your name legally changed, answer *No*. If you answer *Yes*, a new section will display for you to add other used names. Once you have answered, click *Next*.

Your Contact Information

17. Enter your phone number and email address. The email address can be your student email or personal email. Please note that WSU will still only use your student email to communicate with you.

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How may we contact you?

Daytime telephone number

Provide a 10-digit phone number.

Mobile telephone number (if any)

This is the same as my daytime telephone number.

Provide a 10-digit phone number.

Email address

Example: user@domain.com

18. For current U.S. mailing address, you have the option of entering the OIE mailing address as shown, or if you would prefer, you can use your own mailing address. If you prefer to use your own address, be sure you will remain at that address for at least the next 3 months to ensure that your documents will reach you.

If your OPT card is lost in the mail, you will have to submit a new application and filing fee to USCIS to request a replacement.

EXAMPLE

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)

Wichita State University

Address line 1

1845 FAIRMOUNT ST

Street number and name

Address line 2

STE 122

Apartment, suite, unit, or floor

City or town

WICHITA

State

Kansas ▾

ZIP code

67260-9700

Provide a 5 or 9-digit ZIP code.

19. Answer **Yes** if you used your own address in step 15. If you used another address, answer **No** and you will be prompted to enter your own address. Click **Next** to continue.

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

Yes

No

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Describe Yourself / When & Where You Were Born

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You must complete all fields with an asterisk (*) to submit this form.

What is your sex?

Indicate whether you are male or female as provided on your birth certificate issued at the time of birth or issued closest to the time of birth or in secondary evidence you provided to USCIS, if applicable.

Male

Female

What is your marital status?

Single

Married

Divorced

Widowed

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20. Provide accurate information in each of these sections. In both sections click *Next* when you are ready to continue.

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What is your city, town, or village of birth?

What is your state or province of birth?

What is your country of birth?

What is your date of birth?

MM/DD/YYYY

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If the name of the city, town, or village in which you were born has changed its name since your birth, please use the old name.

Your Immigration Information

21. Select your country of citizenship in this field.

What is your country of citizenship or nationality?
List all countries where you are currently a citizen or national.

[+ Add country](#)

22. Download your most recent I-94 arrival record from i94.cbp.dhs.gov
Use the color-coded fields to correctly fill out your form. The Place of arrival is the port of entry at which you were processed through Customs and Border Protection, not your final destination. If you do not remember the port of entry, use the “Get Travel History” tool on the CBP website.

EXAMPLE

Most Recent I-94

Admission (I-94) Record Number : 12345678910
Most Recent Date of Entry: 2023 December 15
Class of Admission : F1
Admit Until Date : D/S
Details provided on the I-94 Information form:

Last/Surname :	First
First (Given) Name :	Last
Birth Date :	1995 January 25
Document Number :	Passport Number
Country of Citizenship :	Country

[Get Travel History](#)

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

Provide an 11 character I-94 Number.

When did you last arrive in the United States?
List your arrival date, place of arrival, and status at arrival.

Date of arrival (on or about)

MM/DD/YYYY

Place of arrival

Status at last arrival

Your Immigration Information *cont.*

23. Enter your current passport details in these fields. 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 record. That is fine. Provide the number of your valid and most recently issued passport on this page.

Only enter a number in the travel document field if you have traveled using a document other than your passport and visa. Most F-1 students do not have another travel document. It is fine to leave this field blank.

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?

Your Immigration Information *cont.*

24. Enter your current status. Only F-1 visa holders are eligible for OPT.

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25. Enter your SEVIS number. You can find this number in the upper left corner of your current I-20. The number will begin with N00.
Click *Next* to continue.

What is your current immigration status or category?

F1 - Student, Academic Or Language Program.

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-

Provide a 10, 11, or 12-digit SEVIS number.

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26. Your A-Number is the USCIS# number found on your current OPT EAD. There should be a sequence of 9 numbers (eg. 123-456-789).

27. Your USCIS Online Account Number can be found on the piece of mail issued to you by USCIS during your first OPT application. The number is shown at the top of the Online Account Access Notice.

If you are not sure what your Account Number is, it is okay. You can check the "I do not have..." box and continue.

What is your A-Number?

I do not have or know my A-Number.

A-

Provide a 7, 8, or 9-digit number. If your A-Number is fewer than 9 digits, the system will automatically add zero(s) after the "A" and before the first digit so there is a total of 9 digits, for example: A-001234567.

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.

Provide a 12-digit Online Account Number.

Other Information *cont.*

28. If you have a Social Security Number, enter your SSN in the box.

29. If you don't have or know your SSN, you should mark that option.

When you have finished this section, click *Next* to continue.

What is your U.S. Social Security number (SSN)?

I do not have or know my U.S. Social Security number.

Provide a 9-digit Social Security number.

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2x2 Photo of You

30. Upload a recent 2x2 passport style photo of yourself (Your photo must be taken within the last 6 months to reflect your current appearance). If you need photos, they can be purchased at the WSU Post Office located in Morrison Hall.

Click *Next* to continue.

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You must complete all fields with an asterisk (*) to submit this form.

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- 2" x 2" photo of you
- Form I-94 or passport
- Employment Authorization Document
- Form I-20
- College degree
- Institution accreditation

Additional Information

Review and Submit

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 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 one document at a time
- Accepted file name characters: English letters, numbers, spaces, periods, hyphens, underscores, and parentheses
- Maximum size: 12MB per file

Choose or drop files here to upload

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Form I-94 or Passport

31. Upload the I-94 downloaded for step 22 earlier in this application. You may also upload a copy of your passport identification page(s) in this section as an additional document.

Click *Next* to continue.

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You must complete all fields with an asterisk (*) to submit this form.

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. For specific information about fees applicable to this form, see [Form G-1055](#).

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, hyphens, underscores, and parentheses
- Maximum size: 12MB per file

Choose or drop files here to upload

Employment Authorization Document

32. Upload a copy of your post-completion OPT EAD on this page.

Click *Next* to continue.

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You must complete all fields with an asterisk (*) to submit this form.

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

Choose or drop files here to upload

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Form I-20

33. Upload the STEM OPT

Recommendation I-20 that was issued to you by the OIE. Make sure that you have signed and dated **in ink** on page 1 of the I-20 before submitting.

Click *Next* to continue.

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- 2" x 2" photo of you
- Form I-94 or passport
- Employment Authorization Document

Form I-20

- College degree
- Institution accreditation

Additional Information ▾

Review and Submit ▾

You must complete all fields with an asterisk (*) to submit this form.

I-20, Certificate Of Eligibility For Nonimmigrant Student Status

Important information regarding your Form I-20

Do NOT submit this form until you receive a Form I-20 recommendation from your DSO. We will deny your application if you do not include your Form I-20 recommendation when you submit Form I-765. If you need to provide Form I-765 to your DSO, print or download this draft before you submit.

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: 12MB per file

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34. USCIS has stated that transcripts or copies of diplomas indicating the level of the degree and field of study are acceptable as proof of your degree.

Upload one or both of these documents on this page.

Thesis/Dissertation/Project Graduate Students: Upload the Graduate's School's Degree Status Letter here if you are applying for the STEM extension based on coursework completion (see STEM OPT Tutorial for additional details). If your degree has been awarded, submitting a degree status letter in addition to providing a transcript or copy of your diploma is not required.

Click **Next** to continue.

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College Degree

Upload evidence the degree that is the basis for the STEM OPT extension is in one of the degree programs currently listed on the [STEM Designated Degree Program List](#) or a copy of your prior STEM degree.

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

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Institution Accreditation

35. If you are applying based on your most recently earned degree, you are not required to upload any evidence in this section. You must provide evidence of institution accreditation when applying for the extension based on a “previously earned STEM degree.”

Click *Next* to continue.

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- 2 x 2 photo of you
- Form I-94 or passport
- Employment Authorization Document
- Form I-20
- College degree
- Institution accreditation**

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Institution Accreditation

Upload evidence that the institution that granted your STEM degree is currently accredited by the U.S. Department of Education and certified by the Student Exchange and Visitor Program (SEVP), if this STEM OPT extension is based on a previously earned STEM degree.

File requirements

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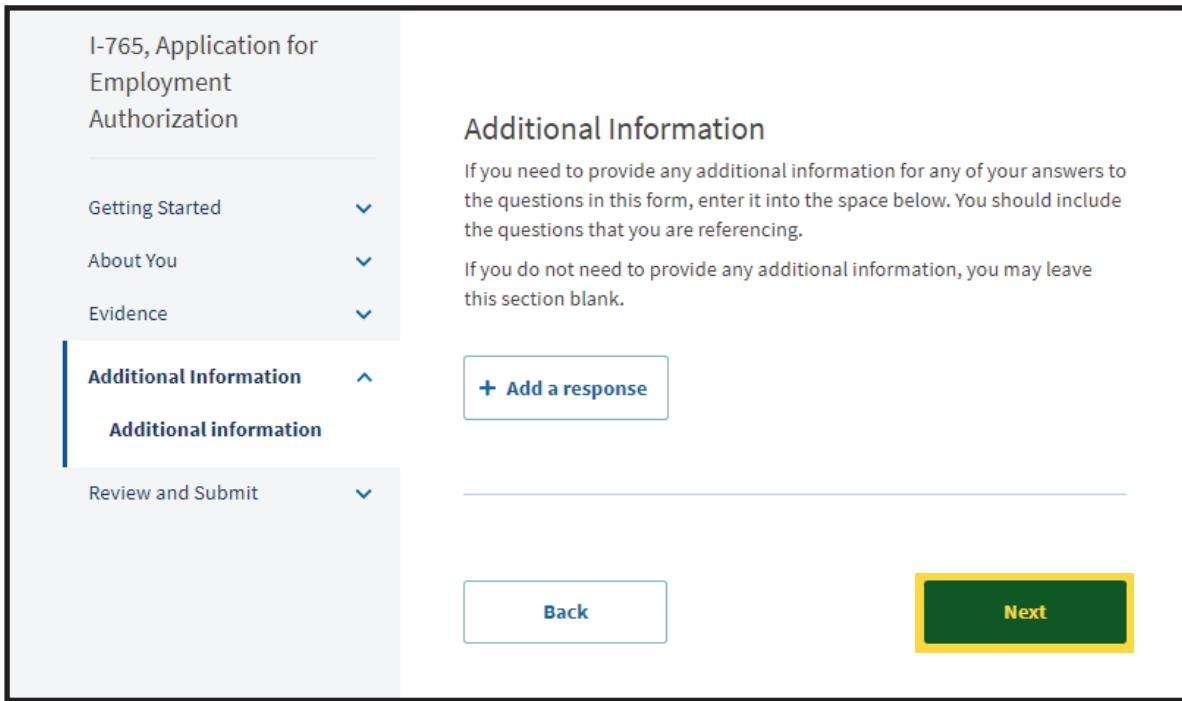
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36. In this section, report any previously used SEVIS ID numbers or denied or withdrawn Forms I-765 (reference Receipt Number).

Click *Next* to continue.



The image shows a screenshot of the I-765 application form. On the left, there is a vertical sidebar with a light gray background containing the title 'I-765, Application for Employment Authorization' and several dropdown menu items: 'Getting Started', 'About You', 'Evidence', 'Additional Information' (which is currently selected and expanded), and 'Review and Submit'. The main content area has a white background and is titled 'Additional Information'. It contains the following text: '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.' Below this, it says, 'If you do not need to provide any additional information, you may leave this section blank.' At the bottom of this section is a blue button labeled '+ Add a response'. To the right of this section is a horizontal line for writing additional information. At the bottom of the page are two buttons: a white 'Back' button and a green 'Next' button.

Review Your Application

37. Check your application and fix all errors that are mentioned. You can click *Edit my responses* to quickly move to pages with errors. Once you have fixed all errors, the green checked box will display.

Make sure the correct OPT filing fee of \$470 is displayed.

Once there are no alerts remaining, click *Next* to continue.

Alerts and warnings

 We found no alerts or warnings in your application.

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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: \$470

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

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.

 There are errors in Getting Started: Reason for applying

[Edit my responses](#)

Your Application Summary

38. This page includes a summary of your entire application. You are able to review this page to confirm all your answers are accurate. If you would like an advisor from the OIE to review your I-765 for completion, click on *View draft snapshot* to download your I-765. Send this file to iss@wichita.edu and an advisor will check if any information is missing.

Click *Next* to continue.

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Review the I-765 form information

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](#) [Print](#)

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Applicant's statement

You must read and agree to the statement below.

I can read and understand English, and have read and understand every question and instruction on this application, as well as my answer to every question.

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39. Check the box to accept the Applicant's Statement.

Click *Next* to continue

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40. Check the box to accept the statement again and type your full legal name into the field that appears.

Click *Next* to continue.

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Applicant's Declaration and Certification

You must read and agree to the certification below. If you knowingly and willfully falsify or conceal a material fact or submit a false document with your application, we can deny your application and may deny any other immigration benefit. You may also face criminal prosecution and penalties provided by the law.



Copies of any documents I have submitted are exact photocopies of unaltered, original documents, and I understand that USCIS may require that I submit original documents to USCIS at a later date. Furthermore, I authorize the release of any information from any and all of my records that USCIS may need to determine my eligibility for the immigration benefit that I seek.

I furthermore authorize release of information contained in this application, in supporting documents, and in my USCIS records, to other entities and persons where necessary for the administration and enforcement of U.S. immigration law.

I understand that USCIS may require me to appear for an appointment to take my biometrics (fingerprint, photograph, and/or signature) and, at that time, if I am required to provide biometrics, I will be required to sign an oath reaffirming that:

1) I reviewed and understood all of the information contained in, and submitted with, my application; and

2) All of this information was complete, true, and correct at the time of filing.

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that all of the information in my application and any document submitted with it were provided or authorized by me, that I reviewed and understand all of the information contained in, and submitted with, my application and that all of this information is complete, true, and correct.

I have read and agree to the applicant's statement

You must provide your digital signature below by typing your full legal name. We may deny your application if you do not completely fill out this application or fail to submit required documents. We will record the date of your signature with your application.

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Pay and Submit

41. You will be able to pay by ACH withdrawal from your savings/checking account or by credit/debit card.

*Click **Pay and submit** to continue with the payment.*

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Pay for and submit your application

The final step to submit your Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, is to pay the required fee.

Your application fee is: **\$470**.

Refund policy: By continuing this transaction, you agree that you are paying for a government service and that the filing fee, biometric services fee and all related financial transactions are final and not refundable, regardless of any action USCIS takes on an application, petition or request, or how long USCIS takes to reach a decision. You must submit all fees in the exact amounts.

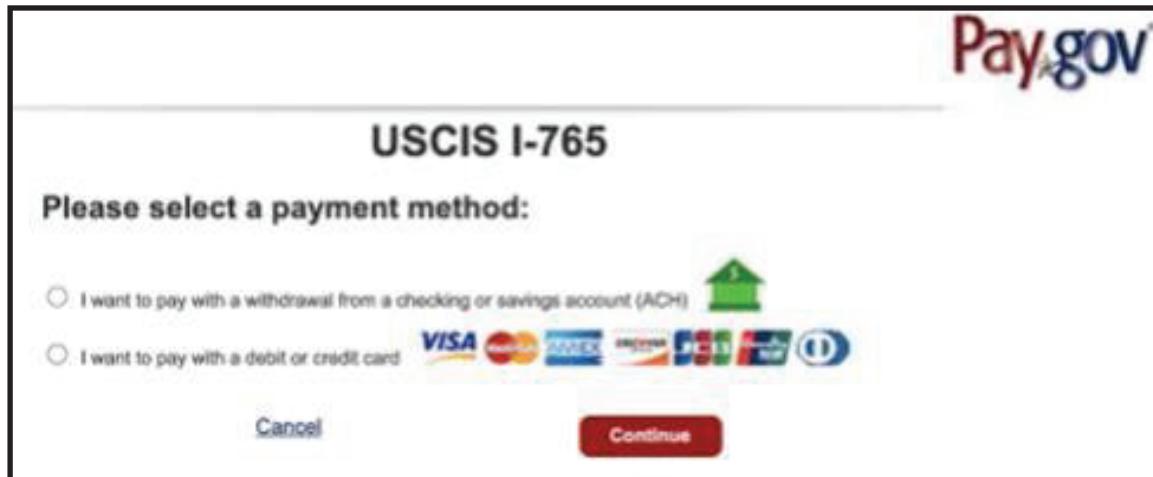


We will send you to Pay.gov — our safe, secure payment website — to pay your fees and submit your form online.

Here are the steps in the payment and submission process:

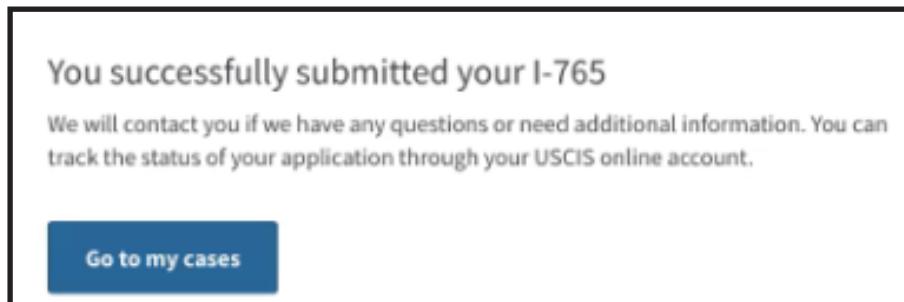
Pay and Submit *cont.*

42. Choose your payment method and enter your payment details.



The image shows a screenshot of the pay.gov payment method selection screen. At the top right is the "Pay.gov" logo. Below it, the text "USCIS I-765" is displayed. A sub-header "Please select a payment method:" is followed by two radio button options: "I want to pay with a withdrawal from a checking or savings account (ACH)" and "I want to pay with a debit or credit card". To the right of the first option is a green house icon. To the right of the second option are icons for various payment methods: VISA, MasterCard, AMEX, Discover, American Express, and Diners Club. At the bottom are "Cancel" and "Continue" buttons.

43. Once you have completed your payment with pay.gov, you should see a screen with the confirmation message shown below, and you should receive an email from pay.gov confirming your payment has been received.



The image shows a screenshot of the pay.gov confirmation message screen. The message reads: "You successfully submitted your I-765. We will contact you if we have any questions or need additional information. You can track the status of your application through your USCIS online account." At the bottom is a blue "Go to my cases" button.

It is recommended to securely store the emailed confirmation notice for your records.

OPT Application Completed

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

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If you have any questions that were not answered by this guidebook, please send an email to iss@wichita.edu. You may also contact the Office of International Education (OIE) during walk-in advising hours, which are usually Mondays and Thursdays from 1pm - 4pm, by coming in-person to our office or calling 316-978-3232.