# Off-Campus Employment Due to Severe Economic Hardship (c)(3)(iii)

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Please note that this tutorial is for instructional purposes only.

A (c)(3)(iii) application to USCIS is <u>your own personal application</u>. You alone are responsible for timely filing with full documentation, understanding F-1 rules regarding it, and properly maintaining F-1 status.

Please review the entire tutorial and ask your DSO if you have questions.



# (c)(3)(iii) Tutorial Outline

- What is (c)(3)(iii) , (c)(3)(iii) Eligibility Requirements, Application Process Overview
- Completing TBI's (c)(3)(iii) I-20 Request Process
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  - o The I-765
  - Your Photos
  - Paying the USCIS Fee
  - Completing the I-765 Form
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  - o Your I-94 Record
  - Your Previous I-20 Copies
  - Your Previous EAD Card Copy

- Mailing your Application & Application Deadlines
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# Severe Economic Hardship to F-1 Students Caused by Unforeseen Circumstances

If you experience severe economic hardship because of unforeseen circumstances beyond your control, you may request employment authorization to work off-campus (if you meet certain regulatory requirements). See 8 CFR 214.2(f)(9). Examples of unforeseen circumstances include (but are not limited to):

- Loss of financial aid or on-campus employment (through no fault of your own);
- Substantial fluctuations in currency value or exchange rate;
- Inordinate increases in tuition or living costs;
- Unexpected changes in the financial condition of your source of support;
- Medical bills; and
- Other substantial and unexpected expenses.



# **Special Student Relief**

Special Student Relief is the suspension of certain regulatory requirements by the secretary of Homeland Security for F-1 students from parts of the world that are experiencing emergent circumstances. Examples of emergent circumstances include natural catastrophe, war and military conflicts, and national or international financial crises.

- You may be eligible to apply for off-campus employment authorization if you:
- Are the citizen of a country specified in a Federal Register notice;
- Have been lawfully present in the United States for the period indicated in the Federal Register notice;
- Have reported on time to your Designated School Official and been enrolled in a Student and Exchange Visitor Program-certified school since the special situation;
- Are currently maintaining F-1 status; and
- Experiencing severe economic hardship.



# Are you eligible for (c)(3)(iii)?

- (1) You have been in F-1 status for one full academic year;
- (2) You are in good standing as a student;
- (3) You are carrying a full course of study;
- (4) Acceptance of employment will not interfere with your carrying a full course of study;
- (5) The employment is necessary to avoid severe economic hardship due to unforeseen circumstances beyond your control;
- (6) On-campus employment is unavailable or is not sufficient to meet the needs that have arisen due to the unforeseen circumstances.

For a detailed description of Curricular Practical Training, please contact the International Student Advisor.



You do NOT need to have a job offer to apply for (c)(3)(iii). The authorization is due to Severe Economic Hardship.

See <u>8 CFR 214.2(f)(9)(ii)</u>. <u>FAQ</u> webpage for more commonly asked questions.

# Step 1: Request your (c)(3)(iii) I-20



Check your (c)(3)(iii) I-20 for accuracy, Page 1

After receiving your (c)(3)(iii) I-20, notify the DSO immediately if there are any errors.

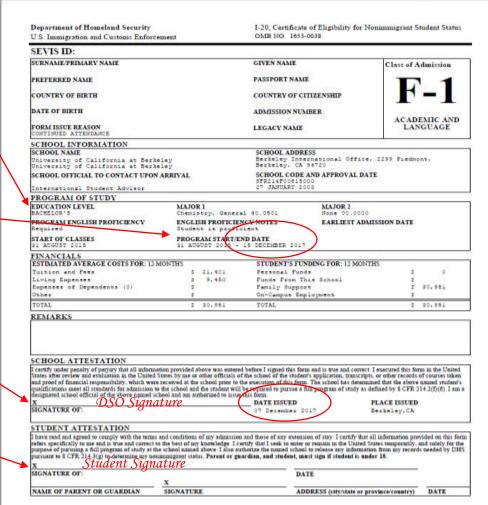
#### **Education Level**

**Program End Date**—Program completion date will be updated to the program completion date on the (c)(3)(iii) request form. (I-20 will remain valid through (c)(3)(iii) authorization period on page 2 or the approved EAD card dates)

Remember: All current on or off-campus employment authorization MUST END on or before your Program End Date. You can only begin work again, directly related to your field of study, *after* your (c)(3)(iii) EAD approved start date.

**School Attestation**—Make sure there is a DSO 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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# Check your (c)(3)(iii) I-20 for accuracy, Page 2

(c)(3)(iii) start and end dates requested ((c)(3)(iii) start date may be adjusted in SEVIS if USCIS does not complete the processing of your (c)(3)(iii) by the requested date. Apply as early as possible.

You will receive a new travel signature at the time you request your (c)(3)(iii) 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.)





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# Step 2: Prepare & Mail Your Application Materials



# Required Documents for (c)(3)(iii) Application

A cover letter from you addressed to the USCIS. Your letter should explain both:

- your unforeseen economic hardship circumstances
- your efforts to obtain on-campus employment

Evidence / documentation of your economic hardship. Examples of such evidence include:

- Copies of past and present currency exchange charts showing the devaluation of your country's currency
- Proof (signed letters, affidavits, bank statements) of unexpected changes in the financial situation of your sponsor
- Copies of medical bills or other substantial and unexpected expenses
- Documentation of your current expenses. For example:
- Proof of tuition bill payment
- Apartment lease or cost of living on campus and Utility bills
- Any other significant expenses (books, medical expenses, etc.)



# Required Documents for (c)(3)(iii) Application

All documents should be printed or copied single-sided

- □ 2 U.S. Passport Photos (with name and I-94 number written lightly in pencil on back of each), taken within the past 30 days.
- □ USCIS Fee of \$410. Check, Money Order, or Credit Card payment made payable to: "U.S. Department of Homeland Security. "Write your SEVIS ID in the memo line.
- ☐ Form G-1145 to confirm receipt and obtain case number in advance of paper notification: <a href="http://www.uscis.gov/files/form/g-1145.pdf">http://www.uscis.gov/files/form/g-1145.pdf</a>
- ☐ Original form I-765: <a href="http://www.uscis.gov">http://www.uscis.gov</a>
- □ Copy of (c)(3)(iii) I-20 (pages 1-3) issued by ISO within the past 30 days. Don't forget to sign it!
- □ Copy of currently valid passport biographical page and F-1 visa stamp, if applicable.
- ☐ Copy of expired passport biographical page if you used that document to enter the U.S. most recently.
- ☐ Printout of electronic I-94 record (https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/) or copy of paper Form I-94 (both sides).
- ☐ Copies of all previous CPT I-20s (from TBI and/or previous schools), if applicable.
- □ Copies of all previous (c)(3)(iii) or OPT I-20s and EAD card(s) (from TBI and/or previous schools), if applicable.
- □ SPECIAL CASES (RARE): If your TBI (c)(3)(iii) I-20 shows less than 1 academic year (2 semesters) of enrollment
  - ☐ Readmitted/Transfer students –1) Copies of I-20s from previous Transfer schools and 2) DSO Transfer I-20 Letter
  - □ Change of Status students −1) Copy of Change of Status Approval Notice and 2) Official TBI transcript and 3) DSO Change of Status letter



No documents are required for F-2 dependents.

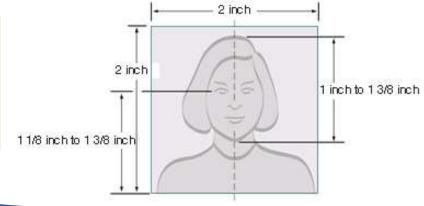
#### **Passport Photo Requirements**

The photos required to use for the (c)(3)(iii) application must meet the specifications of U.S. style passport photos. To see a full description of these specifications, go to the U.S. Department of State website.

- Submit 2 identical color passport photos taken within 30 days of filing your application. The photos must have a white to off-white background, be printed on thin paper with a glossy finish, and be unmounted and unretouched. The passport-style photos must be 2" by 2". You must remove your glasses and your head must be bare unless you are wearing headwear as required by a religious order of which you are a member.
- Using pencil or felt tip (soft) pen, lightly print your name and I-94 number on the back of the photo. Do not damage the photo surface by pressing hard while writing.

#### **Professional Photography**

USCIS has been examining passport photos more strictly. TBI recommends students have their photos taken professionally. Recently, students have been visiting the following locations to obtain their photos.



**Check, Money Order, or Credit Card:** 

- USCIS Payment Methods: Check/Money Order or Credit Card Payment for \$410.
- Check/Money Order should be made payable to "U.S. Department of Homeland Security" with SEVIS number in the memo line. Money orders can be purchased at banks, post office, and some local grocery stores. Make sure a name and address are printed on the check. If the address has changed, that is fine.
- Do not use "temporary checks" often issued by the bank when opening a new account. These checks have no name or address in the upper left hand corner.
- **For Credit Card** payment, submit form <u>G-1450</u>, authorized payment amount \$410. You may only use a credit card account with a U.S. billing address—no foreign billing address is allowed. You can use cards with Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover.
- MOST (c)(3)(iii) DENIALS ARE DUE TO BAD PAYMENTS! IF YOU USE A CHECK OR CREDIT CARD MAKE SURE YOU MAINTAIN SUFFICIENT FUNDS IN THE ACCOUNT.







Money orders and cashier checks should include the same information as a personal check.

#### Form G-1145

- Attach to the top of the (c)(3)(iii) Application Packet
- Use this form to request text and email notification(s) regarding your application. Download the form at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov/files/form/g-1145.pdf">http://www.uscis.gov/files/form/g-1145.pdf</a>

#### **WARNING!**

USCIS will rarely contact you by phone regarding the status of your (c)(3)(iii) application.

If you receive a phone call from a person claiming to work for USCIS or any other government agency, do not provide your personal information to them. Note the person's name, phone number, and email address, and contact the DSO before responding.





#### e-Notification of Application/Petition Acceptance

Department of Homeland Security U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services USCIS Form G-1145 OMB No. 1615-0109 Empires 09/30/2014

#### What Is the Purpose of This Form?

Use this form to request an electronic notification (e-Notification) when U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services accepts your immigration application. This service is available for applications filed at a USCIS Lockbox facility.

#### General Information

Complete the information below and clip this form to the first page of your application package. You will receive one e-mail and/or text message for each form you are filing.

We will send the e-Notification within 24 hours after we accept your application. Domestic customers will receive an e-mail and/or text message, overseas customers will only receive an e-mail. Undeliverable e-Notifications cannot be resent.

The e-mail or text message will display your receipt number and tell you how to get updated case status information. It will not include any personal information. The e-Notification does not grant any type of status or benefit; rather it is provided as a convenience to customer.

USCIS will also mail you a receipt notice (1-797C), which you will receive within 10 days after your application has been accepted; use this notice as proof of your pending application or petinon.

#### USCIS Privacy Act Statement

AUTHORITIES: The information requested on this form, and the associated evidence, is collected under the Immigration and Nationality Act, section 101, et seq.

PURPOSE: The primary purpose for providing the requested information on this form is to determine if you have established eligibility for the immigration benefit for which you are filing. The information you provide will be used to grant or deny the benefit sought.

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

ROUTINE USES: The information you provide on this form may be shared with other Federal, State, local, and foreign government agencies and authorized organizations following approved routine uses described in the associated published system of records notices [DHS-USCIS-007 - Benefits Information System and DHS-USCIS-001 - Alien File, Indeet, and National File Tracking System of Records, which can be found at <a href="https://www.dls.gov/privacy">www.dls.gov/privacy</a>). The information may also be made available, 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 OME control number. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at 3 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions and completing and submitting the form. 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, Regulatory Coordination Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, 20 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20529-2140. OMB No. 1615-0109. Do not mail your completed Form G-1145 to this address.

Applicant Petitioner Full Last Name Applicant Petitioner Fu  E-mail Address		Name	Applicant Petitioner Full Middle Nam	
		Mobile Phone Number (Text Mes		

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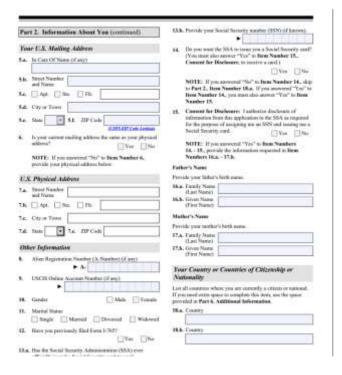
#### **Form I-765**

Download the I-765 form from the USCIS web site and review the I-765 instructions found there. **Important:** Use the most current version. It is best to download it just before mailing the application since USCIS updates it frequently.

#### How to fill out Form I-765

- Type or print legibly in in <u>black ink</u>.
- Answer all questions fully and accurately.
- If a question does not apply to you, type or print "N/A"
- Print and complete <u>ALL pages 1-7</u>. If any pages are missing, your application will be rejected!
- Print all pages single-sided







Some parts of the I-765 can be confusing. The following slides will help you complete those "tricky" questions. Contact DSO with ANY questions or uncertainties about completing the I-765.

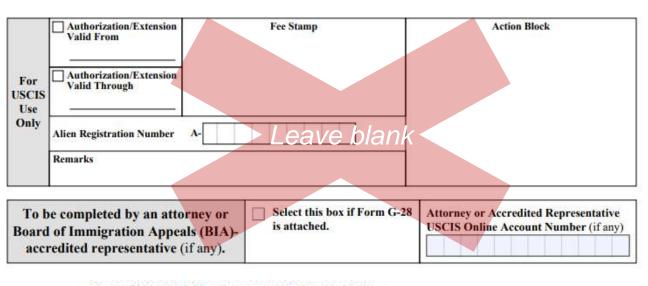
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### PART 1. Reason for Applying, pg. 1

Check the "1.a." box for "Initial Permission to accept employment."





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authorization document.)

Part 1. Reason for Applying					
I am	applying for (select only one box):				
La.	Initial permission to accept employment.				
1,b.	Replacement of lost, stolen, or damaged employment authorization document, or correction of my employment authorization document NOT DUE to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) error.				
	NOTE: Replacement (correction) of an employment authorization document due to USCIS error does not require a new Form I-765 and filing fee. Refer to Replacement for Card Error in the What is the Filing Fee section of the Form I-765 Instructions for further details.				
1.e.	Renewal of my permission to accept employment.  (Attach a copy of your previous employment				

PART 2. Information About You, pg. 1

#1.a.-1.c. Name

Your entire family name should be in CAPITAL letters. Use upper and lower case for the first name. Please write your name exactly as it appears in the Surname/Family Name and Given Name fields on your I-20. Note your I-20 DOES NOT use the Middle Name field!

#### Department of Homeland Security

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

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

#### SEVIS ID: N0004705512

SURNAME/PRIMARY NAME oe Smith

PREFERRED NAME

John Doe-Smith

COUNTRY OF BIRTH UNITED KINGDOM

GIVEN NAME

PASSPORT NAME

COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP

CLASS

F-1

#### #2.a.-4.c. Other Names Used

Enter your previous names, including nicknames you have used in official records or documentation. If your I-20 Preferred Name is different then the names you wrote for #1, include that here. If none, write "N/A"



If you are typing out the I-765 electronically, be aware that the form does not allow you to write the "/" character into these fields. You will need to hand-write the "N/A" wherever this appears in the instructions.

#### Part 2. Information About You

#### Your Full Legal Name

1.a. Family Name (Last Name)

**FAMILY NAME** 

1.b. Given Name (First Name)

**First Name** 

N/A

1.c. Middle Name

#### Other Names Used

Provide all other names you have ever used, including aliases, maiden name, and nicknames. If you need extra space to complete this section, use the space provided in Part 6.

#### Additional Information.

2.a. Family Name (Last Name)

2.b. Given Name (First Name) N/A

2.c. Middle Name N/A

3.a. Family Name (Last Name)

N/A

3.b. Given Name (First Name)

N/A

3.e. Middle Name N/A

N/A

4.a. Family Name (Last Name)

N/A

4.b. Given Name (First Name)

4.c. Middle Name N/A

PART 2. Information About You, pg. 2

**U.S.** Mailing Address

This is where you would like the Receipt Notice and the EAD card to be mailed. *This is very important!* 

The address should be valid for at least 3-5 months, the length of time it will take to process the application. If you have plans to move during this time, use a reliable friend or family member's address to receive the EAD (indicate this in **#5.a.**) It is also possible to use a P.O. Box for mailing addresses.

**#5.a.** If the mailing address belongs to someone other than yourself, put their full name (First Name Last Name) here. This person MUST be listed as a resident of the address with the U.S. Postal Service. If this is your address, write "N/A."

**#5.b-5.e** Write a valid mailing address in the U.S. It may be a residence, commercial address, or PO Box. You may not use TBI's address.

**#6** If you listed a mailing address that is **NOT** your current physical living address, select "No" and complete **#7.a-7.e.** with your current physical address. If "Yes," write "N/A" in **#7.a-7.e.** Physical address should reflect where you actually live.



If you live outside of CA, please pay attention to the special mailing instructions later in the tutorial.

You	r U.S. Mailing Address
5.a.	In Care Of Name (if any)
	Oski Bear (or N/A if this is your address)
5.b.	Street Number and Name 123 College Ave
5.c.	X Apt. Ste. Flr. 8
5.d.	City or Town Berkeley
5.e.	State CA 5.f. ZIP Code 94720
6.	(USPS ZIP Code Looku, Is your current mailing address the same as your physic
6.	Is your current mailing address the same as your physical address?  If no, complete 7.  NOTE: If you answered "No" to Item Number 6., provide your physical address below.
	Is your current mailing address the same as your physicaddress?  Yes No No No If no, complete 7.  NOTE: If you answered "No" to Item Number 6.,
	Is your current mailing address the same as your physical address?  If no, complete 7.  NOTE: If you answered "No" to Item Number 6., provide your physical address below.
<i>U</i> . 7.a.	Is your current mailing address the same as your physical address?  If no, complete 7.  NOTE: If you answered "No" to Item Number 6., provide your physical address below.  S. Physical Address  Street Number 987 Example Street
<i>U</i> . 7.a. 7.b	Is your current mailing address the same as your physical address?  If no, complete 7.  NOTE: If you answered "No" to Item Number 6., provide your physical address below.  S. Physical Address  Street Number and Name 987 Example Street

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#### **Other Information**

#8 F-1 students do not have an A-Number, leave this blank.

**#9** F-1 students do not have a USCIS Online Account Number, leave this blank.

**#10-11** The responses to these questions should be straightforward. Please complete them accurately.

#### #12

Check "No" if you have never applied for an EAD.

Check "Yes" if you have previously applied for an EAD. You will need to provide copies of your previous EADs.

**Note on 12:** This question does not apply to previous on campus employment or CPT.

#### Other Information Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any) USCIS Online Account Number (if any) Leave blank 10. Gender Male Female Marital Status 11. x Single Widowed Married Divorced Have you previously filed Form I-765? x Yes No If yes, you will need to provide copy(s) of your previous EAD(s)



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**#13.a.-17.b. Social Security Number (SSN)** 

**#13.a.** Check "Yes" if you have been issued an SSN and enter your SSN with one letter in each box.

**#13.b.** Skip this if you don't already have an SSN.

**#14.** Check "Yes" if you want a new or replacement SSN card and complete.

**#15-17.b.** Check "No" if you do not want a new or replacement SS card.

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

If yes, complete 13.b. X Yes No

NOTE: If you answered "No" to Item Number 13.a., skip to Item Number 14. If you answered "Yes" to Item Number 13.a., provide the information requested in Item Number 13.b.

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You should receive your Social Security card from SSA about 2 weeks after receiving your approved EAD from USCIS.

13.b. Provide your Social Security number (SSN) (if known).

123456789

 Do you want the SSA to issue you a Social Security card? (You must also answer "Yes" to Item Number 15.,

Consent for Disclosure, to receive a card.)

If no, skip to 18

No

If yes, complete 15-17.b Yes

NOTE: If you answered "No" to Item Number 14., skip to Part 2., Item Number 18.a. If you answered "Yes" to Item Number 14., you must also answer "Yes" to Item Number 15.

15. 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

NOTE: If you answered "Yes" to Item Numbers 14. - 15., provide the information requested in Item Numbers 16.a. - 17.b.

#### Father's Name

Provide your father's birth name.

16.a. Family Name (Last Name)

**FAMILY NAME** 

16.b. Given Name (First Name)

First Name

#### Mother's Name

Provide your mother's birth name.

17.a. Family Name (Last Name)

**FAMILY NAME** 

17.b. Given Name (First Name)

First Name

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The responses to these questions are straightforward. Please complete them accurately.

#### #18 Countries of Citizenship, pg2

List all as applicable (use Part 6 of the I-765 if needed) or write "N/A" in 18.b. if you do not have multiple citizenships.

#### #19-20 Place of Birth, pg3

List the name of the country as it was named when you were born, even if it's name has changed

Make sure your Date of Birth is in the correct format of MONTH - DAY -YEAR. (01/31/1998 not 31/01/1998)



#### Your Country or Countries of Citizenship or Nationality

List all countries where you are currently a citizen or national. If you need extra space to complete this item, use the space provided in Part 6. Additional Information.

18.a. Country

Australia

18.b. Country

N/A

#### Place of Birth

List the city/town/village, state/province, and country where you were born.

19.a. City/Town/Village of Birth

Brisbane

19.b. State/Province of Birth

Queensland

19.c. Country of Birth

Australia

20. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

01/31/1998

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**Information About Your Last Arrival** 

#21.a. I-94 Number

Use your current <u>I-94 number</u>. This is at the number found on the electronic I-94 record or on the top left corner of the paper Form I-94 card (see example). I-94 numbers issued prior to May 2019 are 11 characters long and contain only numbers. Example: 01234567890. I-94 numbers starting in May 2019 have a format of 9 numbers, followed by a letter, then another number. Example: 012345678A1.

#### #21.b.-e. Passport Information

Enter the information directly from your passport. This passport should match the country on your I-20.

In cases where you entered the US on a passport that is now expired, enter the number of your expired passport. (You will provide information on the new passport on pg. 7 of the application.)

#### #21.c. Travel Document

Write "None" here.





#### Information About Your Last Arrival in the United States

21.a. Form I-94 Arrival-Departure Record Number (if any)

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21.b. Passport Number of Your Most Recently Issued Passport
YG000954R

21.c. Travel Document Number (if any)

None

21.d. Country That Issued Your Passport or Travel Document

#### Australia

21.e. Expiration Date for Passport or Travel Document (mm/dd/yyyy) 11/01/2022

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#22 Date of Last Entry into the U.S.

Your most recent entry date can be found on your passport admission stamp, electronic I-94 record, or paper I-94 card.

#23 Place of Last Arrival into the U.S.

Name of the Port of Entry city from your most recent entry. This information can be found on your passport admission stamp, travel history section of your electronic I-94 record, or paper I-94 card (usually as a code, i.e. "SFR" for San Francisco). If you drove across the border, write the name of the city where entered the U.S.

#### **#24 Immigration Status at Last Entry**

Status in which you entered the U.S. If you entered with an I-20 as a student, write "F-1 Student."

#### **#25 Current Immigration Status**

Current status should be "F-1 student." If not, talk to a DSO, and this status should be reflected in your current I-94.

#26 SEVIS ID

Your SEVIS ID appears on the top left side of your I-20 and starts with Noo...

- 22. Date of Your Last Arrival Into the United States, On or About (mm/dd/yyyy) 12/19/2017
- 23. Place of Your Last Arrival Into the United States

  SFR
- Immigration Status at Your Last Arrival (for example, B-2 visitor, F-1 student, or no status)

F-1 Student

 Your Current Immigration Status or Category (for example, B-2 visitor, F-1 student, parolee, deferred action, or no status or category)

F-1 Student

 Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Number (if any)

N- 0023104289



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#27 Eligibility Category

Use the code (c) (3) (iii) for eligibility category Post-Completion (c)(3)(iii) . DO NOT USE a

different code!

#### Information About Your Eligibility Category

27. Eligibility Category. Refer to the Who May File Form I-765 section of the Form I-765 Instructions to determine the appropriate eligibility category for this application. Enter the appropriate letter and number for your eligibility category below (for example, (a)(8), (c)(17)(iii)).

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#### #28-31.b. Other Eligibility Categories

Write "N/A" in these fields. N/A means not applicable. These questions are NOT applicable to applying for your 12-month Post Completion (c)(3)(iii) . #28 is for STEM (c)(3)(iii) Extension applicants only. Remember-you are applying NOW for your 12-Month Post-completion (c)(3)(iii) , NOT the STEM (c)(3)(iii) Extension.



- (c)(3)(C) STEM OPT Eligibility Category. If you entered the eligibility category (c)(3)(C) in Item Number 27., provide the information requested in Item Numbers 28.a 28.c.
- 28.a. Degree

28.b. Employer's Name as Listed in E-Verify

N/A

28.c. Employer's E-Verify Company Identification Number or a Valid E-Verify Client Company Identification Number

N/A

 (c)(26) Eligibility Category. If you entered the eligibility category (c)(26) in Item Number 27., provide the receipt number of your H-1B spouse's most recent Form 1-797 Notice for Form I-129, Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker.

N/A

30. (c)(8) Eligibility Category. If you entered the eligibility category (c)(8) in Item Number 27., have you EVER been arrested for and/or convicted of any crime?

Leave blank

NOTE: If you answered "Yes" to Item Number 30., refer to Special Filing Instructions for Those With Pending Asylum Applications (c)(8) in the Required Documentation section of the Form I-765 Instructions for information about providing court dispositions.

31.a. (c)(35) and (c)(36) Eligibility Category. If you entered the eligibility category (c)(35) in Item Number 27., please provide the receipt number of your Form I-797 Notice for Form I-140, Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker. If you entered the eligibility category (c)(36) in Item Number 27., please provide the receipt number of your spouse's or parent's Form I-797 Notice for Form I-140.

N/A

31.b. If you entered the eligibility category (c)(35) or (c)(36) in Item Number 27., have you EVER been arrested for and/or convicted of any crime?

NOTE: If you answered "Yes" to Item Number 31.b., refer to Employment-Based Nonimmigrant Categories, Items 8. - 9., in the Who May File Form I-765 section of the Form I-765 Instructions for information about providing court dispositions.

PART 3. Applicant's Statement, pg. 4

#1.a. Select 1.a. to indicate that you have read and understood the questions.

#3-6 Provide your information as requested



#### Part 3. Applicant's Statement, Contact Information, Declaration, Certification, and Signature

NOTE: Read the Penalties section of the Form I-765 Instructions before completing this section. You must file Form I-765 while in the United States.

#### Applicant's Statement

NOTE: Select the box for either Item Number 1.a. or 1.b. If applicable, select the box for Item Number 2.

- 1.a. X I can read and understand English, and I have read and understand every question and instruction on this application and my answer to every question.
- 1.b. The interpreter named in Part 4. read to me every question and instruction on this application and my answer to every question in

#### Leave blank

a language in which I am fluent, and I understood everything.

At my request, the preparer named in Part 5.,

#### Leave blank

prepared this application for me based only upon information I provided or authorized.

#### Applicant's Contact Information

Applicant's Daytime Telephone Number

1234567890

4. Applicant's Mobile Telephone Number (if any)

1234567890

5. Applicant's Email Address (if any)

oskibear067@gmail.com

 Select this box if you are a Salvadoran or Guatemalan national eligible for benefits under the ABC settlement agreement.

PART 3, pg. 4 continued...

#### **Applicant's Declaration and Certification**

Read the entire declaration carefully.

#### **Applicant's Signature**

#7.a.-7.b. Hand sign your name and provide the date of the signature.

#### **Important!**

Your signature will be scanned and must fit within the box. It must NOT touch the box outline. If the signature is too big and crosses a line, your application could be delayed. Be conservative and use a signature smaller than normal. Please see the example.

#### **Troubleshooting Signature Line:**

In some cases the "Don't forget to sign!" automatic reminder will not disappear when you print the form.

You should remove the auto filled "Don't forget to sign!"

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#### Applicant's Declaration and Certification

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

#### Applicant's Signature

7.a. Applicant's Signature



Your signature here (don't touch the lines)

7.b. Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy)

MM/DD/YYYY

NOTE TO ALL APPLICANTS: If you do not completely fill out this application or fail to submit required documents listed in the Instructions, USCIS may deny your application.

#### We recommend trying:

- To open the form in the most recent version of Adobe Reader.
- To print a blank version of the form's second page from your web browser.

#### **PARTS 4 and 5, pgs. 4-6**

These sections are not applicable to you, since you've completed the form yourself, so write "N/A." This section is for those who use an interpreter or other paid preparer to complete the form.

#### Part 4 pg. 4

Part 4. Interpreter's Contact Information, Certification, and Signature

Provide the following information about the interpreter.

#### Interpreter's Full Name

- 1.a. Interpreter's Family Name (Last Name)
- Lb. Interpreter's Given Name (First Name)
- Interpreter's Business or Organization Name (if any)

#### Part 4 pg. 5

art 4. Interpreter's Contact Information,	Part 5. Contact Information, Declaration, and
ertification, and Signature	Signature of the Person Preparing this Application, If Other Than the Applicant
sterpreter's Mailing Address	Provide the following information about the preparer.
s Street Number N/A	Preparer's Full Name
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L. State . As. ZIP Code	Lib. Preparer's Given Name (First Name)  N/A
Province , Postal Code	Preparer's Business or Organization Name (if any)     N/A
Country	Preparer's Muiling Address
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Interpreter's Daytime Telephone Number  N/A	3.c. City or Town
Interpreter's Mobile Telephone Number (if my)	3.d. State 💌 3.e. ZIP Code
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terpreter's Certification	3.h. Country
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rtification, and has verified the accuracy of every answer.	Prepager's Email Address (if any)  N/A
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#### Part 5 pg. 6

Part 5. Contact Information, Declaration, and Signature of the Person Preparing this Application, If Other Than the Applicant (continued)

#### Preparer's Statement

7.1м.	I am not an attorney or accredited representative but have prepared this application on behalf of the applicant and with the applicant's consent.
7.Б. [	I am an attorney or accredited representative and my representation of the applicant in this case extends does not extend beyond the preparation of this application.
	NOTE: If you are an attorney or accredited ay need to submit a completed Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or According Representative, with this application

#### Preparer's Certification

By my signature, I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I prepared this application at the request of the applicant. The applicant then reviewed this completed application and informed me that he or she understands all of the information contained in, and submitted with, his or her application, including the Applicant's Declaration and Certification, and that all of this information is complete, true, and correct. I completed this application based only on information that the applicant provided to me or authorized me to obtain or use.

#### Preparer's Signature

8.a.	Preparer's Signature			
	N/A			
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Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy)



### Page 7, Part 6 needs to be completed ONLY if you:

- most recently entered the US on a passport that is no longer valid and you now have a renewed passport
- have previously had other SEVIS IDs
- have ever been authorized for CPT or OPT, or STEM (c)(3)(iii) Extension
- If none of these apply to you, leave Page 7, Part 6 blank, but you must include it in your application. You are done with the I-765.



#### How to complete Page 7, Part 6 if you:

have ever been authorized for CPT, (c)(3)(iii), or STEM (c)(3)(iii)

#### PART 6, Additional Information, pg. 7

- #1.a.-1.c. Provide your name again as listed in Part 2, 1.a-1.c.
- **#2.** Leave blank
- **#3.a.-3.c.** Reference Pg. 2, Part 2, Item 12 (If you already used sections 3.a.-3.d.use the next available section, 4a-d, etc.)
- **#3.d.** If you have had previous CPT and/or (c)(3)(iii), write "see attached documentation for previous CPT and/or (c)(3)(iii) authorizations" and include copies of all previous CPT and (c)(3)(iii) I-20s and EAD cards with your application.



You may need to contact your previous schools if you are missing any of this information.

#### Part 6. Additional Information

If you need extra space to provide any additional information within this application, use the space below. If you need more space than what is provided, you may make copies of this page to complete and file with this application or attach a separate sheet of paper. Type or print your name and A-Number (if any) at the top of each sheet; indicate the Page Number, Part Number, and Item Number to which your answer refers; and sign and date each sheet.

1.a.	Family Name (Last Name)	FAM	ILY NAME			
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#### How to complete Page 7, Part 6 if you:

 most recently entered the US on a passport that is no longer valid and you now have a renewed passport

If this does not apply to you, leave Part 6 blank. You are done with the I-765; skip to the next slide.

#### PART 6, Additional Information, pg. 7

**#1.a.-1.c.** Provide your name again as listed in Part 2, 1.a-1.c.

**#2.** Leave blank

**#3.a-3.c.** Reference Pg. 3, Part 2, Item 21.b.

**#3d.** Write an explanation that clarifies that you have two passports: one that you used for entry but is no longer valid, and one that is currently valid.

**#3.d.** Include copies of both passports and your I-94 with your application.



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l.c.	Middle Name	N/A
2.	A-Number (if a	iny) ► A-

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- 27	I most recently entered the US on MM-DD-YYYY with passport ######## and was issued I-94
	#######. Since this date, I have renewed my
	passport. The number of my new passport is
2	#######. See attached copies of both passports

#### How to complete Page 7, Part 6 if you:

have previously had other SEVIS IDs

#### PART 6, Additional Information, pg. 7

#1.a.-1.c. Provide your name again as listed in Part 2, 1.a-1.c.

**#2.** Leave blank

**#3.a.-3.c.** Reference Pg. 3, Part 2, Item 26 (If you already used sections 3.a.-3.d.use the next available section, 4a-d, etc.)

**#3.d. List all previously used SEVIS numbers**, including from all previous F-1 /F-2 or J-1/J-2 programs in the U.S., including high school, short stays, language training schools, community colleges, or previous I-20s at TBI.



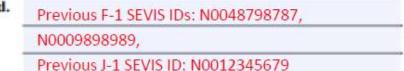
You may need to contact your previous schools if you are missing any of this information.

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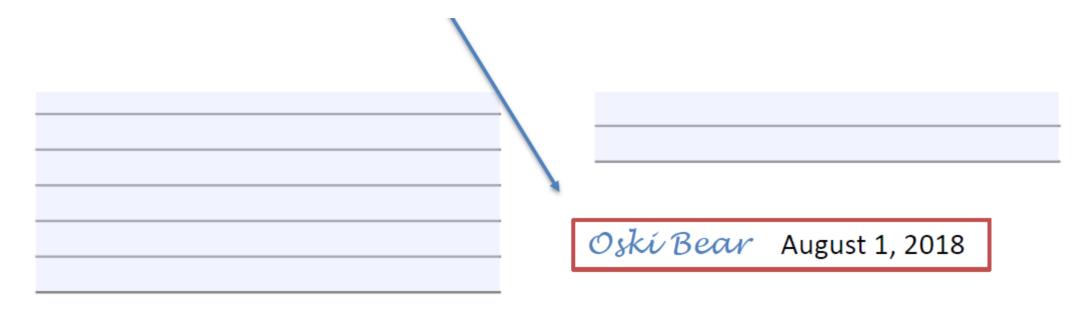
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(These are examples only- use your own information from your previous I-20s or DS-2019s)

IF YOU COMPLETED any part of PAGE 7, PART 6,

you must add your signature and the date in the blank space at the bottom of page 7.



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### You are done with the I-765!

- 1. Review all the information on the form for accuracy. You must submit **ALL 7** pages of the I-765.
- 2. Make a copy of your completed I-765 application to keep for your records, in case there is a problem with the application.
- 3. Next, gather the required documentation and copies... see the following slides.



# **Gather the Required Documentation**Photocopy of TBI (c)(3)(iii) I-20 (all pages):

- Must be received by USCIS within 30 days of DATE ISSUED on page 1.
- Original must be signed by the DSO before copying.
- Original must be signed by the student at the bottom of page 1 *before copying*.
- The requested (c)(3)(iii) start and end dates will appear on page 2.
- Do not mail the original I-20.

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### **Photocopy of Passport and Visa:**

- Photocopy the passport biographic page with the photo and passport expiration date. Use a valid passport even if it is not the passport you used to enter the US most recently. (You will provide information on the expired passport on pg. 7.)
- Photocopy the F-1 visa, if applicable; visa does not need to be valid.







## **Gather the Required Documentation**

### **Photocopy of I-94 Information:**

The I-94 can be either:

• An electronic I-94 record. Visit: <a href="www.cbp.gov/i94">www.cbp.gov/i94</a> to access and print your record.

### OR

A paper I-94 card stapled into your passport.
 Include a copy of both sides, even though the back side may be blank.

### OR

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 A copy of an I-797 Change of Status Approval Notice which includes a new I-94.





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Important. Retain this period in your possession; you must surrender it which you leave the U.S. Failure to do so may delay your entry into the U.S. in the feature You are authorized to stay in the U.S. only until the date written on this form To termain past this date, without permission from Department of Hornelland Security authorities, is a violation of the law.

Surrender this permit when you leave the U.S.:

By sea or air, to the transportation line;
 Across the Canadian border, to a Canadian Official;

 Across the Mexican border, to a U.S. Official.
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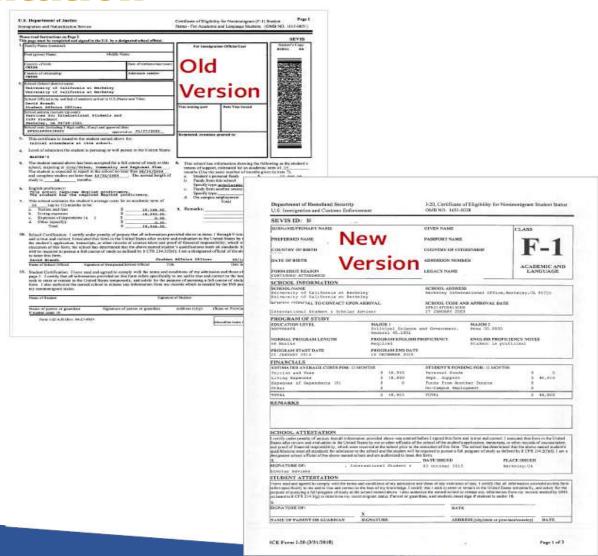
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### **Gather the Required Documentation**

# Photocopy of <u>all</u> previous OPT and CPT I-20s:

- Include copies of all previous CPT and (c)(3)(iii) I-20s at TBI and previous schools.
- Old and new versions of the I-20 are acceptable.
- Copy all 3 pages.
- Keep the originals for your records.
- Copies of original I-20s are best, but you may need to request copies of any lost CPT/(c)(3)(iii) I-20s.
  - TBI I-20s: request these from DSO when you turn in your (c)(3)(iii) Request Form.
  - Previous School I-20s: contact them directly
- If you have never used CPT or (c)(3)(iii) in the past,
   you do not need to include previous I-20s.

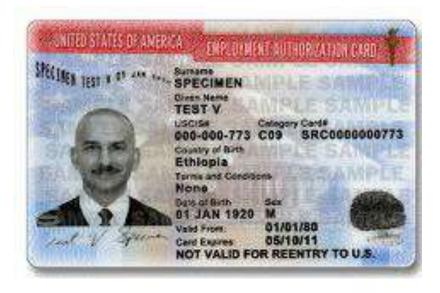




## **Gather the Required Documentation**

### Photocopy of Previous EAD(s), if applicable:

- If an EAD was received in the past, include a copy of the front and back of the card.
- Can be from (c)(3)(iii) approved at a prior institution or different education level.
- Include previous (c)(3)(iii) I-20s and I-797 notice of approval as well if available.







### **Checklist: Did you provide the following?**

- 1. A copy of Form I-20. The DSO must complete the employment page certifying your eligibility for off-campus employment due to severe economic hardship
- 2. Evidence you have been in valid F-1 status for one full academic year, are a student in good standing, and are enrolled in a full course of study
- 3. Evidence that accepting employment will not interfere with your enrollment in a full course of study
- 4. Evidence the employment is necessary to avoid severe economic hardship
- 5. Evidence that on-campus employment is not available or is not sufficient to meet the needs that have arisen due to the unforeseen circumstances

Applications may be rejected or denied for other reasons.

If your application is rejected or denied you might still be able to re-apply to USCIS before the end of your 60-day grace period.

If you receive a Rejection or Denial (or Request for Evidence) notify the DSO immediately, and ask for advice before your response. The DSO sees many re-application denials which could have been avoided by consulting an adviser before response.



# Mailing the (c)(3)(iii) Application from Illinois

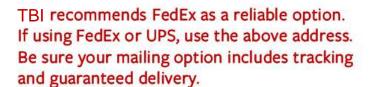
# USCIS Mailing Addresses for people who live in Illinois\*

FedEx, UPS, & Other Express Carrier Mail, requesting signature from the addressee: USCIS

Attn: NFB AOS 1820 E. Skyharbor, Circle S Suite 100

Phoenix, AZ 85034





U.S. Postal Service Mail

USCIS PO Box 21281 Phoenix, AZ 85036



If using USPS, choose Express or Priority Mail option and use the above address. Be sure your mailing option includes tracking and guaranteed delivery.

\* If you do not live in Illinois, see the next slide for mailing information.



# **Mailing from Outside Illinois**

### If living in...

Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, U.S. Virgin Islands, or West Virginia

### Mail your application to...

#### U.S. Postal Service

**USCIS** 

PO Box 660867

Dallas, TX 75266

#### **Express Deliveries**

**USCIS** 

Attn: NFB AOS

2501 S. State Hwy 121 Business

Suite 400

Lewisville, TX 75067

Alaska, Arizona, **California**, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Guam, or the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands.

#### U.S. Postal Service

**USCIS** 

PO Box 21281

Phoenix, AZ 85036

#### **Express Deliveries**

**USCIS** 

Attn: NFB AOS

1820 E Skyharbor Circle S

Suite 100

Phoenix, AZ 85034



# Step 3: Receive the Employment Authorization Document (EAD)



### **I-797C Notice of Action**

You should receive the notice by mail within 2-4 weeks after mailing the (c)(3)(iii) application to USCIS.

- The I-797C is very important.

  If you lose the receipt, it may be very difficult to replace it.
- The I-797C is necessary if you want to:
  - 1. inquire about the status of your (c)(3)(iii) application.
  - 2. travel outside the U.S. while your (c)(3)(iii) is pending.

#### **Receipt Number**

The case number for the (c)(3)(iii) application at USCIS. Check the status of the case on the USCIS web site at <a href="https://www.uscis.gov">https://www.uscis.gov</a>

#### **Received Date**

Date when USCIS begins processing the application. (It may not be the actual the application was received, but it is when the case was entered into the system.)

#### **Address Information**

Verify your name, date of birth, and address on the I-765 receipt notice. If incorrect, contact the DSO immediately.

#### **Contacting USCIS**

If you have any problems or questions with the (c)(3)(iii) application, contact the DSO before calling the USCIS Customer Service.



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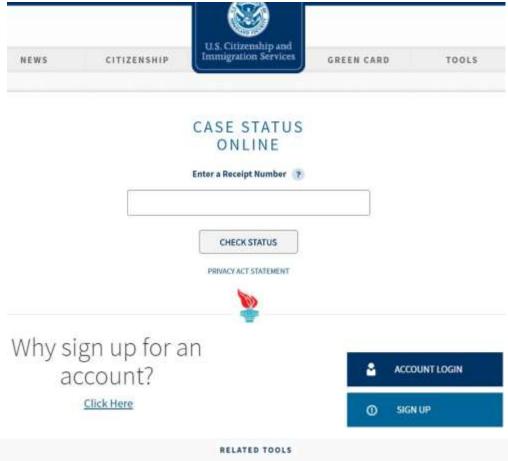
**Sign up for an account** at <a href="https://www.uscis.gov">https://www.uscis.gov</a>. This will allow you to receive automatic updates and monitor your case. Click "Check Your Case Status" and then select "Sign Up."

### **General Case Tracking:**

If you don't sign up for an account, you can still track your case using the "Check Your Case Status" Tool.

### **Address Changes:**

If your address changes, you can update it online through the "Change of Address" tool. Keep in mind that address changes can take 10 business days to process, and could jeopardize your (c)(3)(iii) EAD delivery. We recommend keeping the same address for your entire (c)(3)(iii) processing, if possible.







## **USCIS Issues: Case Inquiries & Expedites**

#### **Case Inquiries & Processing times:**

You can submit inquiries and requests about your case using the Case Inquiry tool for these issues:

- If you don't receive your receipt notice, EAD or other notifications
- If your case is pending longer than the normal processing time. See current USCIS processing times for Form"I-765" for "Potomac Service Center" here: <a href="https://egov.uscis.gov/processing-time/">https://egov.uscis.gov/processing-time/</a>
- If there is an error on your receipt notice or EAD card

#### **Expedites:**

USCIS almost always denies F-1 student expedite requests for (c)(3)(iii) . You can find expedite criteria here: <a href="https://www.uscis.gov/forms/how-make-expedite-request">https://www.uscis.gov/forms/how-make-expedite-request</a>. USCIS may consider expediting if the request meets one or more of the following criteria:

- Severe financial loss to a company or person, if expedite is not due to applicant's failure: (1) to file the benefit request in a reasonable time frame; or (2) to respond to any RFE in a timely manner;
- Urgent humanitarian reasons;
- Compelling U.S. Government interests (such as urgent cases for the Department of Defense or DHS, or other public safety or national security interests); or
- Clear USCIS error.

NOTE: 1) Severe financial loss to a company means the **company would be at risk of failing**. 2) The need to obtain employment authorization, standing alone, **without evidence of other compelling factors**, does not warrant expedited treatment



## **Application Problems: RFE and Rejection/Denial**

### **RFE**

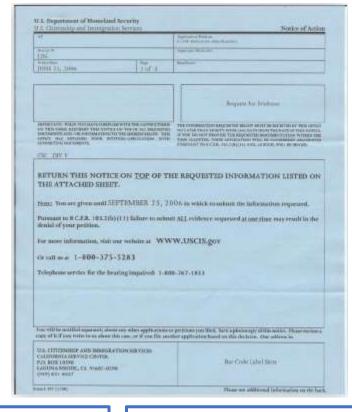
If there is a problem with your application, the USCIS may send you a notice by mail called a "Request for Evidence (RFE)."An RFE does not mean that your application has been rejected. It simply means that you need to send in additional documents before your EAD can be issued.

Getting an RFE will delay the processing of your application.

### **Rejection/Denial**

In some cases, the USCIS will return the entire application to you. If this happens, you must make corrections and send a new application before the end date of your 60-day grace period.

NOTIFY the DSO that your (c)(3)(iii) has been rejected or denied! You MUST request a NEW (c)(3)(iii) I-20 recommendation from the DSO before you resubmit your (c)(3)(iii) application. USCIS must receive your new, complete (c)(3)(iii) re-application no later than 30 days after the (c)(3)(iii) I-20 ISSUE DATE on page 1 of the I-20.



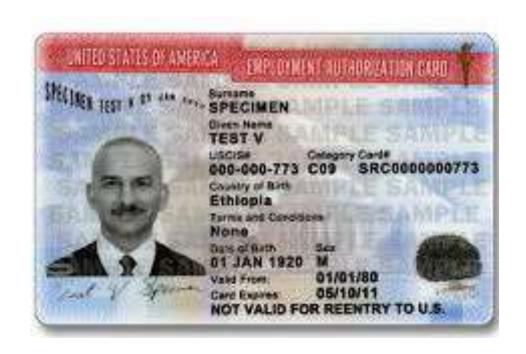
Contact the DSO IMMEDIATELY if you receive an RFE, rejection, or denial.

To avoid delays, review your application materials for completeness and sign all the forms before mailing them to the USCIS.



# The Employment Authorization Document (EAD)

- Review your EAD card to make sure the information is accurate. If it is not, contact the DSO at TBI immediately!
- Present your EAD to employers as proof of your legal work authorization in the US.
- The EAD is a required document for entry to the U.S. during (c)(3)(iii).
- You can ONLY work during the dates listed on the approved EAD card-not before and not after!
- Submit a copy of your EAD card to the DSO at Taylor Business Institute.





# **Avoiding Immigration Scams**

- It is very rare for USCIS or SEVP to contact you via phone regarding your application or your SEVIS record. Most notices from SEVP Portal are sent by email, and most notices from USCIS are sent via mail. They will generally never ask you for money.
- See USCIS's website on how to avoid <u>immigration scams</u>, report fraud, and find <u>authorized legal services</u>.
- You can report immigration scams by contacting the FTC. Please visit the USCIS <u>Avoid Scams Initiative</u> website to learn more about avoiding immigration scams and reporting fraud.



# Your Responsibilities during (c)(3)(iii)

- 1. Reporting Requirements
- 2. Employment Requirements
- 3. Travel Documents for Re-entry
- 4. Applying for an F-1 Visa on (c)(3)(iii)



# Reporting Requirements: TBI DSO

ALL STUDENTS ON (c)(3)(iii) ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT (c)(3)(iii) UPDATES TO THE DSO AT TBI.

The following information must be reported to the DSO at TBI during the post completion (c)(3)(iii) period of authorization within 10 days of any changes:

- Your residential address
- Your phone and email address
- Employer's name
- Employer's address
- Job Title(s)
- Explanation of how your job(s) relates to your major area of study at TBI (see following section for further detail)
- Start and/or end dates of employment
- Any periods of unemployment
- Date of exiting the U.S. (You must provide date of exit if you decide to exit the U.S and complete your (c)(3)(iii) status prior to the end date of your (c)(3)(iii))
- If your visa status changes while on (c)(3)(iii)
- You are required to update this information within 10 days of any changes. Keep a receipt copy of the web site each time you report a change.



# 3. Travel Documents for Re-entry

	Before Completing Program	After Completing Program	After Completing Program
Documents	& Before EAD issuance	& Before EAD issuance	& After EAD issuance
Valid Passport	✓	✓	✓
Valid F-1 visa stamp (if applicable)	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
(c)(3)(iii) I-20 with a valid travel endorsement signed within 6 months by a TBI DSO (page 2)	✓	✓	✓
Evidence of continued enrollment (e.g. Enrollment Verification from the Registrar Office)	✓		
Evidence of financial support	Strongly recommended	Strongly recommended	Strongly recommended
(c)(3)(iii) receipt: I-797 Notice of Action		✓	
Job offer letter from employer		Strongly recommended	✓
EAD (Employment Authorization Document)			$\checkmark$



Your admission to the U.S. is always at the discretion of the Customs and Border Protection Officers. To avoid problems, you must have the required documents outlined above.

# **Important Reminders**

- Economic Hardship Employment Authorization is limited to 20 hours per week when school is in session and 40 hours per week during school breaks.
- Economic Hardship employment authorization is normally issued for one year. You may submit a request to the USCIS for renewal of work authorization by following the same procedures outlined in this handout. The earliest you may request a renewal is 120 days before your current EAD expires. Please remember to send a copy of your current EAD along with the other documents listed above to the USCIS.
- Employment authorization is automatically terminated when you graduate, transfer to another university or violate your F-1 status in any way (e.g. not registering as a full-time student).



# Final check of your (c)(3)(iii) application

Want to review all your documents in detail before mailing them to USCIS?

Still have questions?

Come see the DSO in person at TBI International Student Office.





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