



STEM OPT I-765, Application for Employment Authorization

International Student Center

DISCLAIMER

- Before applying to USCIS, F-1 students must apply with the International Student Center (ISC) by reviewing the OPT webpage and video, then submitting the Liberty University Application at:
- <https://www.liberty.edu/OPTSTEM>
- Once the application is approved, the ISC will issue the Form I-20 with STEM OPT recommendation on page two.
- *Please note, directions provided by the ISC are meant to help you in completing your application but should not be considered legal advice. The US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) ultimately provides the decision on your OPT application. It is your responsibility, as the OPT applicant, to ensure that your OPT application is accurate and complete before you submit it to the US government. Incomplete applications could result in a delay in processing time or denial. Liberty University in no event will be responsible for any delay, denial, or mistake on your OPT application.*



Why Go Online?



File a form online



Send us secure messages & get answers



Respond to a request for evidence



Access every notice we send you



Check case status & sign up for alerts



Update your address & contact information



Ask about a typo or missing mail



Pay online with via ACH a credit or debit card



Access case information 24/7 from any device

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Account

- Create USCIS account at:

<https://myaccount.uscis.gov/>

Official website of the Department of Homeland Security

 U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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Password

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One account for all of your USCIS needs.
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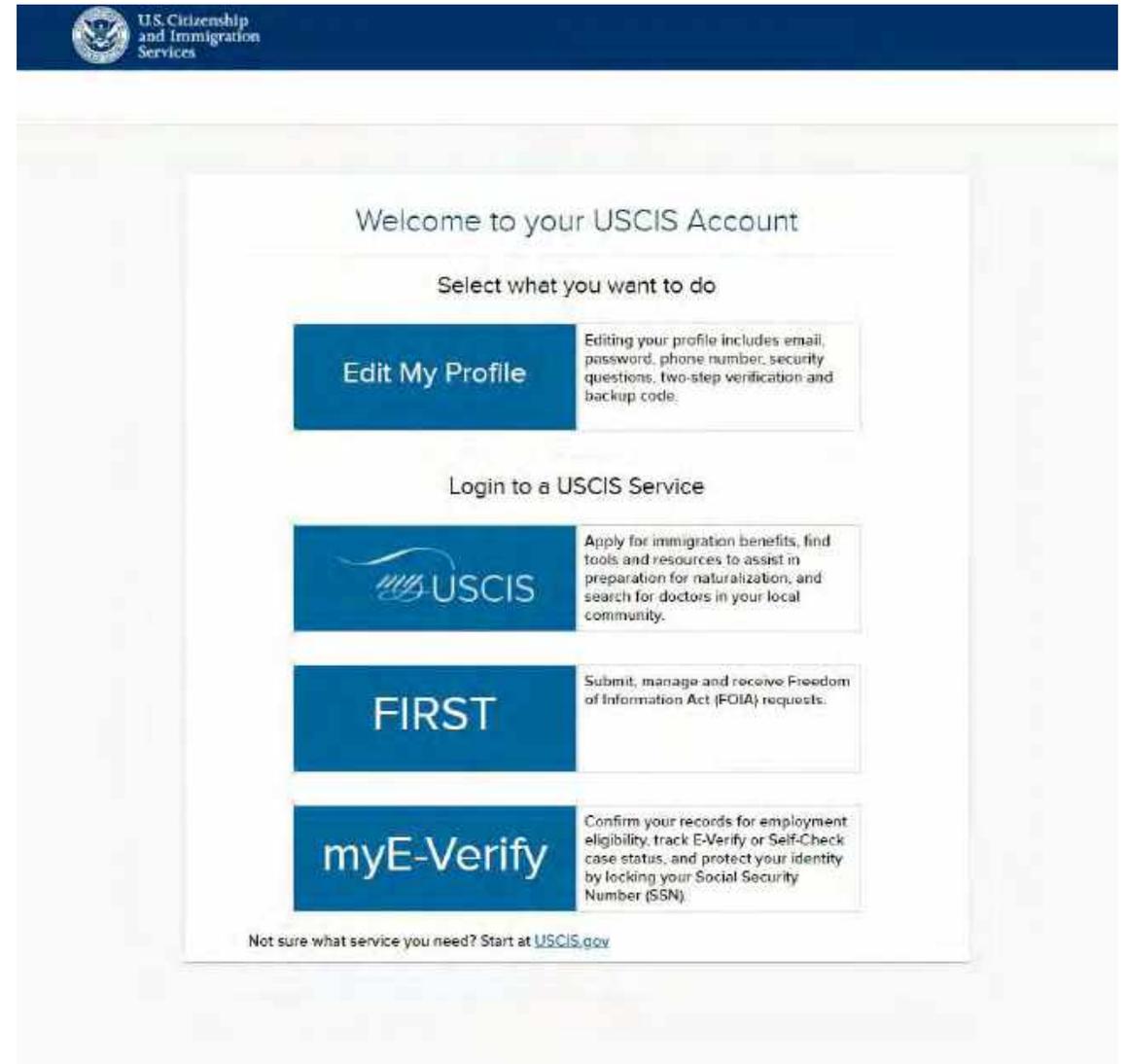
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Legal

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Login to a USCIS Service

- Select "myUSCIS" to proceed.



The screenshot shows the USCIS Account login page. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the USCIS logo and the text "U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services". Below the header, the page is titled "Welcome to your USCIS Account". Underneath, it says "Select what you want to do". There are three main sections of options:

- Edit My Profile**: Editing your profile includes email, password, phone number, security questions, two-step verification and backup code.
- Login to a USCIS Service**: This section contains three options:
 - myUSCIS**: Apply for immigration benefits, find tools and resources to assist in preparation for naturalization, and search for doctors in your local community.
 - FIRST**: Submit, manage and receive Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests.
 - myE-Verify**: Confirm your records for employment eligibility, track E-Verify or Self-Check case status, and protect your identity by locking your Social Security Number (SSN).

At the bottom of the page, there is a link: "Not sure what service you need? Start at [USCIS.gov](https://uscis.gov)".

File a form online

- Select "File a form online" and find the I-765 online form.



File a form

- Select "Application for Employment Authorization (I-765)."

Official website of the Department of Homeland Security | <https://www.dhs.gov>

 U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

 My Account

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File a Form

Once you start your form, we will automatically save your information for 30 days, or from the last time you worked on the form.

Select the form you want to file online.

- Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card (I-90)
- Request for a Hearing on a Decision in Naturalization Proceedings (N-336)
- Application for Naturalization (N-400)
- Application for Replacement Naturalization/Citizenship Document (N-565)
- Application for Certificate of Citizenship (N-600)
- Application for Citizenship and Issuance of Certificate Under Section 322 (N-600K)
- Application for Employment Authorization (I-765)
Only certain F-1 students seeking optional practical training (OPT) may file Form I-765 online. This includes:
 - Pre-completion OPT - (c)(5)(A) eligibility category;
 - Post-completion OPT - (c)(5)(B) eligibility category; or
 - a 24-month extension for STEM students (students holding a degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics) - (c)(5)(C) eligibility category.For all other eligibility categories, you must submit a paper [Form I-765](#).
- Petition for Alien Relative (I-130)
- Application To Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status (I-539)

[Start form](#)

[Cancel](#)

Account Type

- Select, “I am an applicant, petitioner, or requestor,” if you are applying by yourself.

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Account Type

Select an account type:

I am an applicant, petitioner, or requestor.

- USCIS only offers certain benefit types for online filing. Please refer to uscis.gov for further guidance.
- You cannot file an H-1B Registration with this account type.

I am a Legal Representative.

- I am an attorney eligible to practice law in the United States.
- I am an accredited representative of a qualified organization that is recognized by the Department of Justice in accordance with 8 CFR part 1092.

[Submit](#)

 U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Eligibility

- Before you start your application, know your eligibility category: (C)(3)(C).

The screenshot shows the official website of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security logo and the text "Official website of the Department of Homeland Security. Here's how you login." The main header features the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services logo and the text "U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services". On the right side of the header, there are links for "My Account", "Resources", and "Sign Out".

I-765, Application For Employment Authorization

Certain foreign nationals who are in the United States may file Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, to request employment authorization and an Employment Authorization Document (EAD). Other foreign nationals whose Immigration status authorizes them to work in the United States without restrictions may also use Form I-765 to apply for an EAD that shows such authorization.

Foreign nationals may also apply for a Social Security number and card on Form I-765.

If you are a lawful permanent resident, a conditional permanent resident, or a nonimmigrant only authorized for employment with a specific employer under 8 CFR 274a.12(b), do not use Form I-765.

Learn more about [employment authorization](#).

Before You Start Your Application

Eligibility

Only certain F-1 students seeking optional practical training (OPT) may file Form I-765 online. This includes:

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- Post-completion OPT - (c)(3)(B) eligibility category; or
- a 24-month extension for STEM students (students holding a degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics) - (c)(3)(C) eligibility category.

For all other eligibility categories, you must submit a paper [Form I-765](#).

Fee

- **Pay \$410 fee**

For all other eligibility categories, you must submit a paper [Form I-765](#).

(c)(3)(A) eligibility category: Submit your application up to 90 days before being enrolled as an F-1 foreign student for one full academic year at an educational institution approved by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Student and Exchange Visitor Program (ICE SEVP). Your period of employment should not start before you have completed one full academic year. If you completed the one-year requirement while in another valid nonimmigrant status and you are now in valid F-1 status, you are still eligible to apply for OPT.

(c)(3)(B) eligibility category: Submit your application up to 90 days before, but no later than 60 days after your program end date. You must submit your application within 30 days of the date that your designated school official (DSO) enters the recommendation for OPT into your Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) record. If you fail to do so, we will deny your OPT request.

(c)(3)(C) eligibility category: Submit your application up to 90 days before your current OPT expires, but you must submit within 60 days of the DSO's approval of STEM OPT.

Note: If you are an F-1 student filing for initial or extension of OPT, your OPT and your employment authorization will be automatically terminated if you change educational program levels or transfer to another school. Working in the United States without authorization may result in your removal from the United States or denial of re-entry. Consult your DSO for additional details.

Fee

Fee: \$410.

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.

Please refer to the instructions for the form(s) you are filing for additional

Documents to upload

- Copy of most recent I-94
- Passport
- Previous authorized CPT/OPT I-20s
- 2 x 2 passport photo of you
- Proof of enrollment (Transcripts or University diploma)
- Copy of your EAD (front and back) card
- **New STEM OPT recommendation I-20**

Documents you may need

Most applicants must upload:

- A copy of your Form I-94, Nonimmigrant Arrival-Departure Record (front and back), a printout of your electronic Form I-94 from www.cbp.gov/i94, passport, or other travel document.
- A copy of your last EAD (front and back). If you were not previously issued an EAD, you must submit 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.
- A color passport-style photograph of yourself taken recently.

We will automatically inform you which documents and additional evidence you may need to provide as you fill out your application. These recommendations for additional information will be based on the information you provide in the application, such as your personal history and circumstances.

Any document containing foreign language submitted to USCIS must be accompanied by a full English language translation that the translator has certified as complete and accurate, and by the translator's certification that he or she is competent to translate from the foreign language into English.

Biometric services appointment

USCIS may require that you appear for an interview or provide biometrics (fingerprints, photograph, and/or signature) at any time to verify your identity, obtain additional information, and conduct background and security checks, including a check of criminal history records maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), before making a decision on your application or petition. After USCIS receives your application and ensures it is complete, we will inform you in writing if you need to attend a biometric services appointment.

Notifications

- Please stay updated with all notifications regarding your I-765 once submitted.



After You Submit Your Form

Track your case online

After you submit your form, you can track its status through your online account. Sign in to your account often to check your case status and read any important messages from USCIS.

Respond to requests for information

If we need more information from you, we will send you a Request for Evidence (RFE) or Request for Information (RFI). You can respond to our request and upload your documents through your online account.

Receive your decision

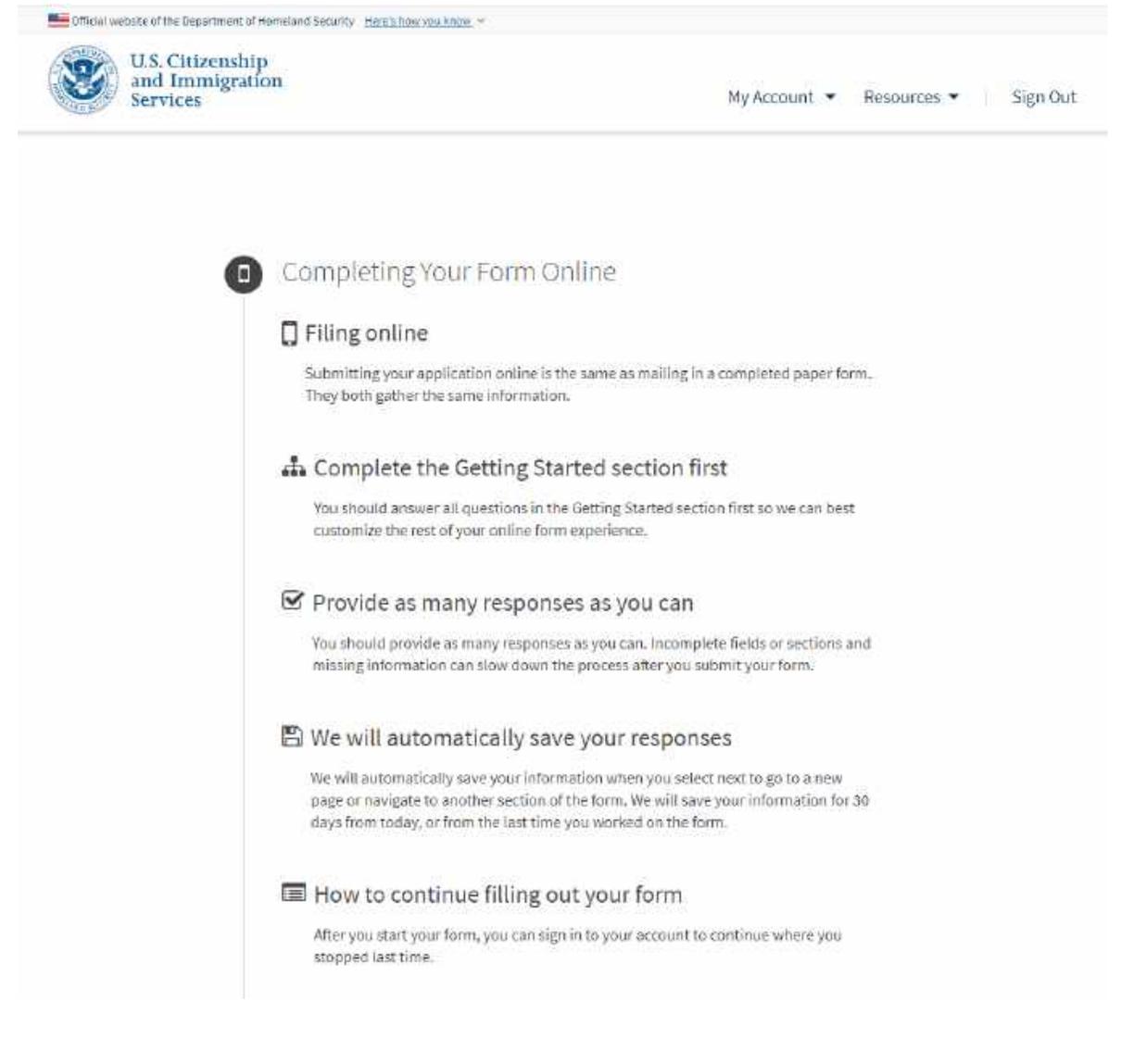
The decision on Form I-765 involves a determination of whether you have established eligibility for the immigration benefit you are seeking. USCIS will notify you of the decision in writing. If your application is approved, we will either mail your EAD to you or we may require you to visit your local USCIS office to pick it up.

Next

Completing Your Form Online

- How USCIS manages your online I-765 form. Please review the following:

- Filing online
- Complete the Getting Started section first
- Provide as many response as you can
- We will automatically save your response
- How to continue filling out your form



The screenshot shows the official website of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). The header includes the USCIS logo, the text 'U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services', and navigation links for 'My Account', 'Resources', and 'Sign Out'. The main content area is titled 'Completing Your Form Online' and contains several key points:

- 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 stopped last time.

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Notice

- Read privacy notice.

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. § 1324a; 8 CFR 274a.12, 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 associated published system of records notices [DHS/USCIS/ICE/CBP-001 Alien File, Index, and National File Tracking System of Records; DHS/USCIS-007 Benefits Information System; DHS/USCIS-010 Asylum Information and Pre-Screening System of Records; DHS/USCIS-017 Refugee Case Processing and Security Screening Information System of Records; and DHS/USCIS-018 Immigration Biometric and Background Check (IBBC) System of Records], and the published privacy impact assessments [DHS/USCIS/PIA-016(a) Computer Linked Application Information Management System (CLAIMS 3) and Associated Systems; DHS/USCIS/PIA-027 USCIS Asylum Division; DHS/USCIS/PIA-056 USCIS Electronic Immigration System (USCIS ELIS); and DHS/USCIS/PIA-068 Refugee Case Processing and Security Vetting], which can be found 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

- Read through the Paperwork Reduction Act.

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 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 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
5900 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: 07/31/2022

Security Reminder

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

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What is your eligibility category?

- Select Post-completion (c)(3)(C).

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Getting Started ▴

- Basis of eligibility
- Reason for applying
- Preparer and interpreter information

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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.

c(3)(A) Student Pre-Completion OPT
c(3)(B) Student Post-Completion OPT
c(3)(C) STEM Extension

Select degree

- Type your degree, you can **ONLY** apply for the STEM extension if your degree is eligible. For a complete list of STEM eligible degrees, please visit:

<https://www.ice.gov/sites/default/files/documents/stem-list.pdf>

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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.

c(3)(C) STEM Extension ▾

What is your degree?

Reason for applying

- Select “Renewal of permission to accept employment,” if you are applying for your STEM extension.

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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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E-Verify

- Check to see if your employer is E-Verify and confirm the EIN number.
- If your employer is not E-Verify please **stop** here and find E-Verify employment.

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?

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Preparer and interpret information

- Select “No,” and ONLY select “Yes,” if working with an immigration attorney.

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Is someone assisting you with completing this application?

Yes

No

About You

- Fill out your name **EXACTLY** as stated in your passport.

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

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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

Contact information

- Please fill out this section with your most recent contact information.

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- Describe yourself
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- Other information

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How may we contact you?

Daytime telephone number

Mobile telephone number (if any)

This is the same as my daytime telephone

Email address

Mailing address

- **ONLY** provide a mailing address where you can retrieve your EAD card.
- If you will be relocating soon, then ask someone like a trusted friend or family member in the U.S. and write their name, “In care of name,” and their mailing address.

The screenshot shows a web form with a sidebar on the left and a main content area on the right. The sidebar contains a vertical list of menu items: 'Other information' (highlighted with a blue bar), 'Evidence', 'Additional Information', and 'Review and Submit', each with a downward-pointing chevron icon. The main content area is titled 'What is your current U.S. mailing address?' and includes a paragraph of explanatory text. Below the text are several input fields: 'In care of name (if any)', 'Address line 1', 'Address line 2', and a row of three fields for 'City or town', 'State' (a dropdown menu), and 'ZIP code'. At the bottom of the form, there is a question: 'Is your current mailing address the same as your physical address?' with two radio button options, 'Yes' and 'No'.

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What is your current U.S. mailing address?

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

In care of name (if any)

Address line 1

Street number and name

Address line 2

Apartment, suite, unit, or floor

City or town State ZIP code

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

Yes

No

Describe yourself

- Select the appropriate choice.

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- Describe yourself**
- When and where you were born
- Your immigration information
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What is your gender?

Male

Female

What is your marital status?

Single

Married

Divorced

Widowed

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When and where you were born

- This **MUST** match your I-20 information.

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Describe yourself

When and where you were born

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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?

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Your immigration information

- Please provide your country of citizenship or nationality and Form I-94 information.
- Retrieve your most recent I-94 information at <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov>.

The screenshot displays the official website of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS). The header includes the CIS logo and the text "U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services". A navigation menu on the left lists the following steps: "Getting Started", "About You", "Your immigration information", "Evidence", "Additional Information", and "Review and Submit". The "About You" section is currently expanded, showing sub-sections for "Your name", "Your contact information", "Describe yourself", and "When and where you were born". The main content area is titled "I-765, Application for Employment Authorization" and contains two questions: "What is your country of citizenship or nationality?" and "What is your Form I-94 Arrival-Departure Record Number (if any)?". The first question includes a dropdown menu and an "Add country" button. The second question has a text input field.

Your immigration information (continued)

- Please provide your most recent I-94 and passport information.
- Retrieve your [I-94](https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov) information at <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov>.

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

Date of arrival

Place of arrival

Status at last arrival

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?

Your immigration information (continued)

- Please provide the information listed in your passport.
- Please provide the class of admission listed in your I-94.
- Please provide the information listed in your I-20.

What country issued your passport or travel document?

What is your current immigration status or category?

What is your Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Number (if any)?
Use the "Additional Information" section to include all previously used SEVIS numbers.

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The screenshot shows a web form with three dropdown menus. The first dropdown is for the country of passport issuance, the second for current immigration status, and the third for the SEVIS number. The SEVIS number field contains the text "N-". At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Back" and "Next".

Other Information

- Please enter your A-Number (USCIS #) located on your EAD card.
- Include your USCIS online account number if you have created one in the past.

The screenshot shows the USCIS website for the I-765 application. The page title is "I-765, Application for Employment Authorization". The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with the following items: "Getting Started", "About You" (expanded), "Evidence", "Additional Information", and "Review and Submit". The "About You" section includes fields for "Your name", "Your contact information", "Describe yourself", "When and where you were born", and "Your immigration information". The "Other information" section contains three questions:

What is your A-Number?
 I do not have or know my A-Number.
A- [text input field]

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.
[text input field]

Has the Social Security Administration (SSA) ever officially issued a Social Security card to you?
 Yes
 No

Social Security Number (SSN)

- Select “YES” **ONLY** if you have not been issued an SSN before. You will be prompted to provide your parents contact information so have this information ready.
- Select “NO,” if you already have an SSN or are in the process of applying.

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

Yes

No

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Passport photo

- **On campus:** Please go to [ID and Campus Services](#) to have your passport picture taken and request to have your photos emailed to you.
- **Off campus:** Please use the [U.S. Department of State Photo tool](#) at <https://tsg.phototool.state.gov/photo> if you take your own picture.
- Go to [CVS](#), [Walmart](#), or [Walgreens](#) to take your passport photo and request to have your photos emailed to you.

Official website of the Department of Homeland Security. [www.dhs.gov/usa/links](#)

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- 2 x 2 photo of you
- Form I-94
- Employment Authorization Document
- Previously authorized CPT or OPT
- Form I-26

Additional Information ▾

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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 tool](#). Please note that we cannot approve your application without your photos.

File requirements

- Clear and readable
- Accepted file formats: JPG, JPEG, or PNG
- No encrypted or password-protected files
- If your documents are in a foreign language, upload a full English translation and the translator's certification with each original document.
- Accepted characters: English letters, numbers, spaces, periods, hyphens, underscores, and parentheses
- Maximum size: 5MB per file

[Choose](#) or drop files here to upload

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Format requirements

- Please upload your passport in the **CORRECT** format as shown here.

Filling Out the Form—Format Requirements

- Photos: JPG, JPEG, or PNG
- Documents: JPG, JPEG, PDF, TIF or TIFF
- Foreign language documents must have English translation
- Maximum size: 6 MB per file



Form I-94

- Upload your most recent [I-94](https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov) at <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov>.

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Evidence ▴

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

Additional Information ▾

Review and Submit ▾

I-94, Arrival And Departure Record

Upload a copy of one of the following:

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

If you were admitted to the United States by CBP at an airport or seaport after April 30, 2013, CBP may have issued you an electronic Form I-94 instead of a paper Form I-94. You may visit the [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.

File requirements

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

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EAD Card or Government ID

- Upload EAD card (required) or Government ID (passport, student visa, national ID)

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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.

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- Upload CPT/OPT I-20s

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Previously Authorized CPT Or OPT

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

File requirements

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STEM OPT I-20

- Upload the I-20 with STEM OPT recommendation issued by your International Student Advisor (ISA).

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I-20, Certificate Of Eligibility For Nonimmigrant Student Status

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

File requirements

- Clear and readable
- Accepted file formats: JPG, JPEG, PDF, TIF, or TIFF
- No encrypted or password-protected files
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College Degree (STEM OPT)

- Please upload your transcripts on this section

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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
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Institution Accreditation

- This is only required if the STEM extension is based on a prior degree.

The screenshot displays the USCIS online application interface for Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization. The page is titled "Institution Accreditation" and includes the following elements:

- Header:** "Official website of the Department of Homeland Security" with a link "Here's how you know" and the USCIS logo.
- Navigation:** "My Account", "Resources", and "Sign Out" links.
- Left Sidebar:** A menu with options: "Getting Started", "About You", "Evidence" (selected), "Additional information", and "Review and Submit".
- Main Content:**
 - Institution Accreditation:** A text block stating: "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:** A list of requirements:
 - Clear and readable
 - Accepted file formats: JPG, JPEG, PDF, TIF, or TIFF
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 - Accepted characters: English letters, numbers, spaces, periods, hyphens, underscores, and parentheses
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 - Upload Area:** A button labeled "Choose" or drop files here to upload.
 - Navigation Buttons:** "Back" and "Next" buttons at the bottom.

Additional Information

- Upload any additional information.

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Additional Information

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

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

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Additional Information

- Add any additional information, if applicable.

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Alerts and warnings

- This notifies you of any corrections that need to be completed.

The screenshot displays a user interface for 'Alerts and warnings'. At the top, the heading 'Alerts and warnings' is followed by an explanatory paragraph: 'You have one or more alerts and warnings based on the information you provided in your application.' Below this, a second paragraph states: 'A red alert means you have incomplete responses or inconsistent data. You cannot submit your application with any alerts.' The main content area contains two alert items, each with a red vertical bar on the left and a red circular icon with a white exclamation mark. The first alert reads: 'There are errors in About You: Your contact information' and includes a blue 'Edit my responses' button. The second alert reads: 'There are errors in About You: When and where you were born' and also includes a blue 'Edit my responses' button. At the bottom of the interface, there are two buttons: a blue 'Back' button and a greyed-out 'Next' button.

Review and Submit

- Review your application before you **SUBMIT!**

The screenshot shows the USCIS website interface for the I-765 Application for Employment Authorization. The page is titled "I-765, Application for Employment Authorization" and features a navigation menu on the left with options: "Getting Started", "About You", "Evidence", "Additional Information", "Review and Submit", and "Review your application". The "Review and Submit" section is active, and the "Review your application" link is highlighted. The main content area includes a heading "Check your application before you submit" and three paragraphs of text: "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.", and "You can return to this page to review your application as many times as you want before you submit it." Below this text is a section titled "Your fee" with a blue information icon and the text "Your form filing fee is: \$410". At the bottom, there is a "Refund Policy" section stating: "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."

Review and Submit (continued)

- Review your application

The screenshot shows the USCIS website interface for the I-765 application. At the top left is the USCIS logo and the text "U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services". At the top right are links for "My Account", "Resources", and "Sign Out". The main heading is "I-765, Application for Employment Authorization". A left-hand navigation menu includes "Getting Started", "About You", "Evidence", "Additional Information", "Review and Submit", "Review your application", "Your application summary", and "Your statement". The "Review and Submit" section is expanded, showing "Review your application" as the active step. The main content area has a heading "Check your application before you submit" and three paragraphs of text. Below this is a "Your fee" section with a blue box containing an information icon and the text "Your form filing fee is: \$410". A "Refund Policy" section follows, explaining that fees are not refunded. Below that is an "Alerts and warnings" section with a green box containing a checkmark icon and the text "We found no alerts or warnings in your application". At the bottom are "Back" and "Next" buttons.

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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.

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i Your form filing fee is: \$410

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✓ We found no alerts or warnings in your application

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Application Summary

- Your application summary

The screenshot shows the USCIS online application interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the USCIS logo, the text "U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services", and links for "My Account", "Resources", and "Sign Out". Below the navigation bar, the page title is "I-765, Application for Employment Authorization". A left-hand sidebar contains a menu with the following items: "Getting Started", "About You", "Evidence", "Additional Information", "Review and Submit" (which is expanded to show "Review your application", "Your application summary", and "Your statement"), and "Review and Submit" (which is expanded to show "Review your application", "Your application summary", and "Your statement"). The main content area is titled "Review the I-765 form information" and includes a "Print" button. The text reads: "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". Below this text is a section titled "Getting Started" with a sub-section "Basis of eligibility". This section contains a table with the following information:

What is your eligibility category?	c(3)(B) Student, Post-Completion OPT
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?	-
Reason for applying	
What is your reason for applying?	Initial permission to accept employment
Have you previously filed Form I-765?	No

Additional Information

Additional information

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

I have a prior SEVIS ID number
from my bachelor's degree.
N0012345789

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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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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 good 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 (fingerprints, 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



I have read and agree to the applicant's statement

Applicant's signature

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

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

Your application fee is: **\$410**.

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 and secure payment website — to pay your fees and submit your form online.

Here are the steps in the payment and submission process:

USCIS I-765

Please select a payment method:

I want to pay with a withdrawal from a checking or savings account (ACH)



I want to pay with a debit or credit card



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Payment Method

- Select your payment method

Credit/Debit Card information

- Please type the correct payment information

USCIS I-765

Please provide the Credit or Debit Card Information below

* indicates required fields

Agency Tracking ID: K55HMBRM8W1ZMZ

Payment Amount: \$410.00

* Country:

* Billing Address:

Billing Address 2:

* City:

State/Province:

ZIP/Postal Code:

* Account Holder Name:



* Card Number:

* Expiration Date:

* Card Security Code:

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Bank information

- Please type the correct payment information

USCIS I-765

Please enter checking or savings account information below.

* indicates required fields

Agency Tracking ID: K5BHMBRM8W1ZMZ

Payment Amount: \$410.00

* Account Holder Name:

* Account Type:

Routing Number	Account Number	Check Number
<input type="text" value="026946783"/>	<input type="text" value="9243767390"/>	<input type="text" value="1234"/>

* Routing Number:

* Account Number:

* Confirm Account Number:

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Your Drafts

- I-765 draft available if you cannot process your I-765 in the same day. (Please know that the OPT STEM recommendation on your I-20 expires after 60 days).
- Once you are done, please save your draft for record keeping.

The screenshot shows the USCIS My Account interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the USCIS logo, the text "U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services", and a "My Account" link. Below this, a welcome message reads "Welcome To Your USCIS Account". A yellow notification banner at the top left contains a warning icon and the text "COVID-19 announcement" with a "See more" link. The main content area is titled "Your Drafts" and features a card for a draft application titled "Continue I-765 Application for Employment Authorization". Below the title, it states "You need to finish your draft" and provides two buttons: "Continue" (in blue) and "Delete" (in light blue). At the bottom of the card, there is a table with three columns: "Status", "Last updated", and "Expires".

Status	Last updated	Expires
Your draft is in progress	May 12, 2021	Expires June 11, 2021

Employment Authorization Document (EAD)

- Once you receive your EAD card, please email mystatus@liberty.edu a color copy front and back to issue you a new OPT Approved I-20



Latest version of EAD with security features

Report to SEVP (within 10 days of any changes)



Update your physical
home address.



Update your mailing
addresses.



Update your telephone
numbers.



Update employer
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Create a Portal Account

- Create your initial [SEVP portal account](#)

Create a Portal Account

To create your initial SEVP Portal account:

1. If your OPT has been approved and is active, check your email inbox for two [email](#) notices. One includes a link to the SEVP Portal registration pages and the other contains a temporary password. You can recognize the email by the sender and subject lines:

- **Sender:** do-not-reply.SEVP@ice.dhs.gov

Subject line: Optional Practical Training Approval – the next step. Create an SEVP Portal account



The only way to get to the portal registration pages is to use the link in the email



If you do not receive your notification email:

- Check your spam or junk mail folder.
- Contact your DSO to confirm that the correct email address is in your SEVIS record.
- Contact your DSO who can submit a request in SEVIS to have the create an account email sent again.



Thank you!

- Contact us:
- (434) 592-4118
- mystatus@liberty.edu

- Please **DO NOT** submit your I-765 online form **WITHOUT** your new I-20 with your STEM OPT recommendation