Passport Photo Requirements

- □ Your final OPT application must include two (2) recent **passport pictures** in an envelope.
- □ Label the back of your photos with your full name and SEVIS ID in pencil.
- □ Please reference the Form I-765 Instructions (page 20, letter C) for their specific instructions regarding acceptable photos (see below). Acceptable photos should:
- ✓ **<u>NOT</u>** previously have been used for OPT, visa or passport applications.
- \checkmark Photos must be taken within the <u>last 30 days</u> to reflect your current appearance.
- \checkmark Photos must be printed in color and on glossy photo quality paper.
- ✓ Size of photo
 - \circ 2 x 2 inches in size

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- Size of head must be between 1 inch -1 3/8 inches from the bottom of the chin to the top of the head.
- \checkmark No glasses
 - If you cannot remove your glasses for medical reasons, please include a signed note from your doctor with your application.
- ✓ Background must be plain white
- ✓ No hats or head coverings, unless worn daily for religious purposes. Your full face must be visible, and your head covering cannot cast shadows on your face.
- ✓ No headphones or wireless hands-free devices.
- \checkmark Do not staple your photos directly to your application.
- \checkmark Put your photos in a small envelope and attach the envelope to page 1 of the Form I-765.

Examples of acceptable and unacceptable passport photos are available here: https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/how-apply/photos.html

https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/forms/i-765instr.pdf (page 26, letter C)

C. Photographs
You must submit two identical color passport-style photographs of yourself taken recently. 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 two identical passport-style photos must be 2 by 2 inches. The photos must be in color with a full face, frontal view, on a white to off-white background. Head height should measure 1 to 1 3/8 inches from the top of your hair to the bottom of your chin, and eye height is between 1 1/8 to 1 3/8 inches from the top of your eyes to the bottom of photo. Your head must be bare unless you are wearing headwear as required by a religious denomination of which you are a member. Using a pencil or felt pen, lightly print your name and A-Number (if any) on the back of the photo. **Recommended Passport Photo Loccations**

You can visit any of the locations below to get your passport photos taken for your OPT application.CVS PharmacyUnited States Postal ServiceFedEx Office

Walgreens

The UPS Store

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