USCIS OPT Application Checklist for e-Filing

Recent 2 x 2 passport style photo ;

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This is a checklist of the evidence/documents an F-1 Student applying for OPT is required to <u>UPLOAD</u> to via the USCIS I-765 <u>e-File system</u>.

Please note that the e-Filing system guides you through what you must submit and in what order:

I-765, Application for Employment Authorizatio	n
Getting Started	~
About You	~
Evidence	^
2 x 2 photo of you	
Form I-94	
Employment Authorization Document	
Previously authorized CPT or OPT	
Form I-20	
Additional Information	~
Review and Submit	^
Review your application	

OPT I-20 (pages 1 & 2) with your ORIGINAL signature on page 1;
A clear image of your passport biographical page(s) uploaded under
section "Employment Authorization Document or Government ID"
A clear picture of any previous EADs (if applicable);
A clear picture or scan of I-20(s) with any previously authorized CPT
or OPT at any degree level;
USCIS I-765 Filing Fee paid via credit card or direct bank withdrawal
at "Review and Submit" section of e-File system. DO NOT PAY BEFORE
APPLICATION IS FULLY COMPLETED AND REVIEWED. Payment
officially submits application to USCIS.
NOTE: All application materials must fit USCIS's specified file requirements to ensure successful uploads within the e-File system. Please be sure that all pictures or scans show the required information clearly. You must be physically present in the U.S. to file your OPT application.

Your most current I-94 record (you must be physically in the U.S.);

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.