OPT I-765 Application Checklist

To be used only for submitting OPT I-765 to USCIS

Use this checklist after obtaining an OPT recommendation I-20 from ISSS

Please note that this is a checklist without detailed instruction for each item which you will find on <u>our OPT website</u>.

- Check or money order payable to U.S. Department of Homeland Security for the USCIS I-765 filing fee
- □ Two U.S. passport style photos (in a clear zip bag or envelope)
- □ Form G-114 (optional)
- Given Form I-765
- Copy of all current and previous I-20s, including a photocopy of the new OPT I-20 on top
- Copy of current I-94 printout (if you have a paper I-94 card, include both front and back)
- Copy of passport (photocopy of photo page, renewal page if original has expired, and pages showing amendments such as name changes, corrections etc.)
- Copy of the visa sticker used for last entry into the U.S. (except for citizens of Canada and Bermuda)
- Copy of any previously issued employment authorization documents (e.g. EAD cards), *if applicable*

Reminders:

- Check our OPT website for detailed instruction for each item listed above and for travelrelated advisory
- Make copies of all documents sent to USCIS
- Do not use staples
- All documents should be single sided
- Send your OPT I-765 application to USCIS within two weeks from receiving an OPT I-20 from ISSS. If your mailing to USCIS is further delayed, see an ISSS advisor.
- Obtain delivery confirmation
- Monitor your OPT I-765 application process on the USCIS website
- If you decide not to apply with USCIS, return the original OPT I-20 to ISSS immediately