

## Application for Severe Economic Hardship Checklist

### Form I-765, category (c)(3)(iii)

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- The Form I-765 Application for category (c)(3)(iii) must be filed and mailed to USCIS.  
More information can be found at: <https://www.uscis.gov/i-765>.

You will need the following for your Form I-765 application to USCIS:

- **Form I-20** that includes the employment page completed by a DSO certifying eligibility for off-campus employment due to severe economic hardship caused by unforeseen circumstances beyond your control.
    - Upload all three pages. The F-1 student must sign and date the I-20.
  - **Letter from you** describing:
    - the unforeseen economic hardship situation caused by circumstances beyond your control;
    - how acceptance of employment will not interfere with your studies;
    - how the off-campus employment is necessary to avoid severe economic hardship;
    - how on-campus employment is unavailable or insufficient to meet financial needs related to your studies; and
    - a checklist of any supporting documentation in your application.
  - **Letter of support from DSO** that confirms you are in good academic standing, carrying a full course of study, in valid F-1 status, and that the International Services office is aware of the hardship caused by unforeseen circumstances beyond your control.
  - Evidence that you have been in F-1 status for one full academic year and are fully enrolled:
    - **academic transcripts, currently enrolled letter, current course schedule**
  - **Additional supporting documentation** that adds evidence to your claim of economic hardship
    - e.g., bank statements, currency conversions, family death certificates, news articles, etc.
  - **Passport ID page** (*expiration date should extend at least 6 months from program end date*)
  - **Passport-style photographs**: two identical, recently-taken color photos.
  - **Printed I-94** (<https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov>)
  - Copies of any previous **Employment Authorization Document (EAD) cards**, if applicable.
  - Proper completed **filing fee** form (Form G-1650 for ACH debit transaction or Form G-1450 for credit card transaction); or fee waiver request.
- Where to mail your completed application: <https://www.uscis.gov/i-765-addresses>
- Tips for filing forms by mail: <https://www.uscis.gov/forms/filing-guidance/tips-for-filing-forms-by-mail>
- Current USCIS Filing Fees: <https://www.uscis.gov/forms/filing-fees>