**Sample of I-765 | Application for OPT Employment Authorization**

Use this sample form as a guide when filling out your application.

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### Application For Employment Authorization

**Department of Homeland Security**  
**U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services**

**Form I-765**  
**OMB No. 1615-0040**  
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**Subject to the following conditions:**

- Application Approved
- Application Extension Valid From...
- Authorization Extension Valid To...

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1. **START HERE - Type or print in black ink.**
   - I am applying for:
     - Permission to accept employment.
   - This name should match your I-20. The name should be in the correct order (Family Name, First Name, and Middle Name).
   - If your name does not fit in the space provided, please include a separate piece of paper with your full name.

2. **This section is where USCIS will mail your EAD card after your OPT is approved. If you will not live at this address for at least 4 months, use another address (e.g. a friend’s address).**
   - If you use someone else’s address, be sure to write “c/o” and his/her name in the address line before the address. If there is not enough space when doing this, use their first initial with last name, such as “c/o J. Smith.”
   - It is acceptable to neatly handwriting the address within the box if the typed address does not fit.

3. **Questions 9-13 are about an SSN.**
   - If you already have an SSN, answer “No” to item 10, and leave items 11, 12, and 13 blank unless you would like a replacement card or have lost your card.

4. **Please note: you are not required to request an SSN using this application.**

5. **You must write by hand. Please print clearly.**

6. **If you do not have an SSN, but would like to apply for one, you must answer 11-13b.**

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