

Economic Hardship: F-1 Students

STUDENT INFORMATION (TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
IIT ID#: _____ SEVIS ID#: _____
IIT Email: _____ Phone #: _____
Degree Level: _____ Major: _____

ECONOMIC HARDSHIP INFORMATION (TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT)

Start Date _____/_____/_____ End
Date _____/_____/_____

*Economic hardship can be granted in a maximum of one year increments, or until the program end-date, whichever is shorter.

I certify that the information that I have submitted is true and correct. Reason for Program Extension (check all that apply):

Student's signature: _____ Date: _____

ADVISOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ACADEMIC ADVISOR)

By signing below, I acknowledge and attest to the following:

- The student has completed at least one full academic year.
- The student has demonstrated that acceptance of employment will not interfere with the student's carrying a full course of study.
- This student is in good academic standing and has the required GPA to maintain academic progress.

Advisor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Advisor Name (Printed): _____ Phone Extension: _____

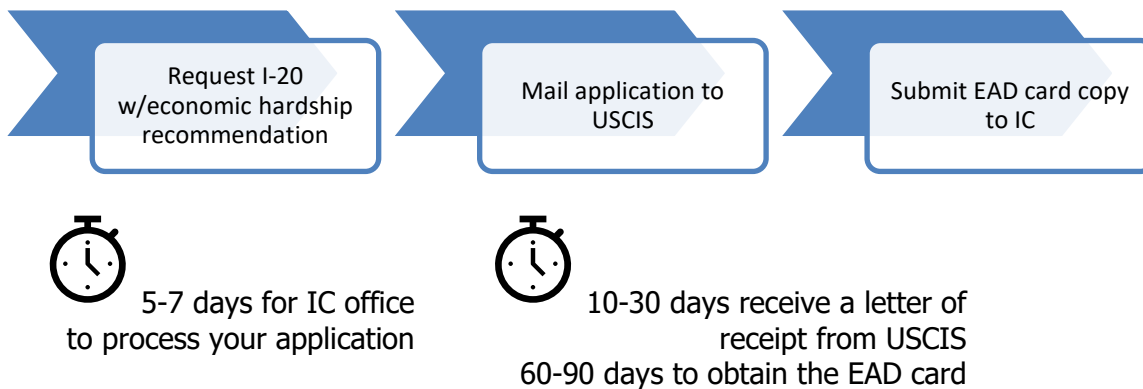
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REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION & PROCEDURES:

1. Completed form I-765: <https://www.uscis.gov/i-765>
2. Copies of previous I-20(s) issued to you by any and all institution attended in the U.S
3. I-94 printout: <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/#/home>
4. Copies of your passport (biographic and U.S. visa pages.)
5. Check payable to Department of Homeland Security (check [uscis.gov](https://www.uscis.gov) for current fees)
6. Optional: Complete Form I-912 (Request for Fee Waiver): <https://www.uscis.gov/i-912>
7. 2 photographs with your name and I-94 number printed on the back
8. A letter from the student explaining the unforeseen financial circumstances
9. List of monthly expenses and income
10. Detailed supporting documentation of reason for severe economic hardship



PLEASE KEEP IN MIND:

- You are only allowed to work **AFTER** receiving the EAD card and only during the actual dates of authorization
- Employment authorization based on severe economic hardship is limited to 20 hours per week when school is in session and full-time during semester breaks and summer vacations.
- This type of employment does not have to be related to the student's program of study.
- The work permit is given for the period of one year and it can be renewed. It is automatically cancelled if a student fails to maintain his/her F-1 status or transfers to another school.
- Students should make a "good faith effort" to locate on-campus employment prior to applying for economic hardship.
- Students must reapply to USCIS each year to renew this work authorization (at least ninety days - and not more than six months - before their current authorization expires).

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