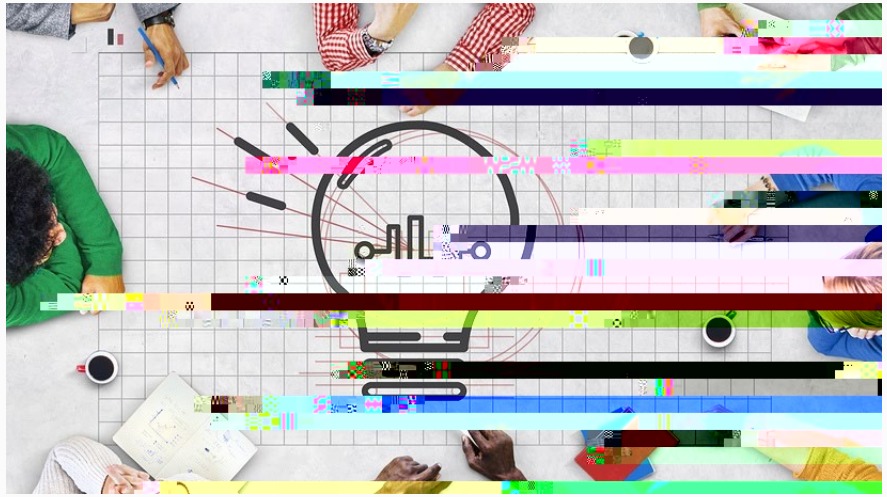
Post-Completion
OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING (OPT)

Workshop Objectives



Application Process

Application Deadlines

Online Filing Instructions

1 Status during OPT

Travel during OPT

Health Insurance during OPT

OPT is ending, now what?

Q&A

International Student Employment

1. **On-Campus**

2. **Practical Training:**
   - Curricular Practical Training(CPT)
   - **Optional Practical Training (OPT)**
     - Month STEM OPT Extension
   - Cap Gap Extension

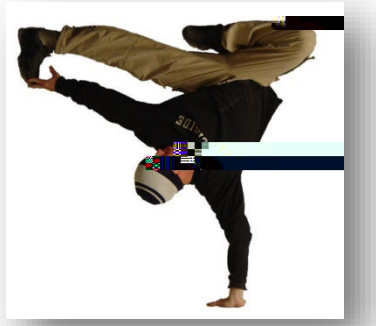
3. **Off-Campus:**

ALERT: Violation to employment regulations will lead to the termination of the student's SEVIS record!

What is Post-Completion OPT?

benefit

OPT Allows:



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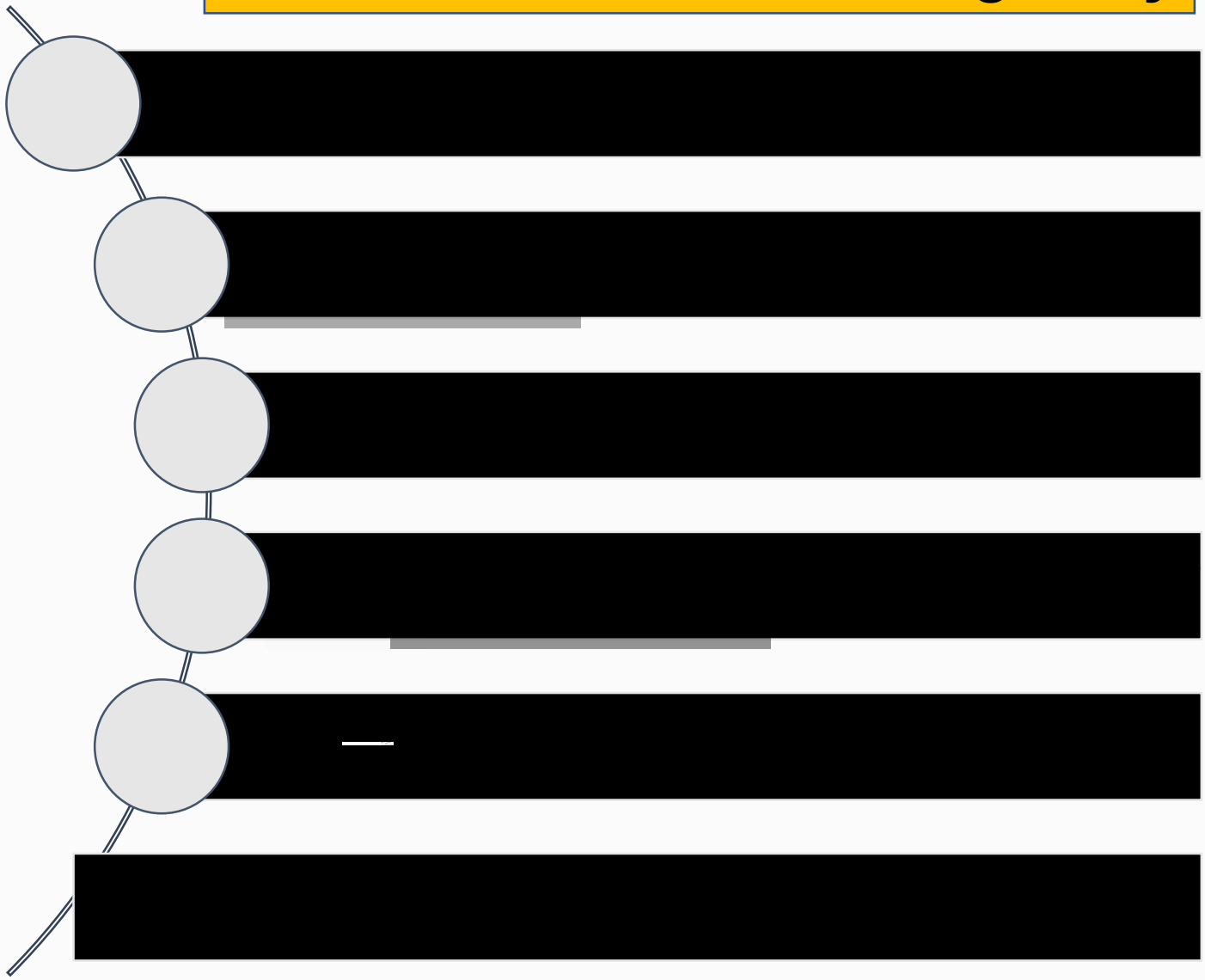
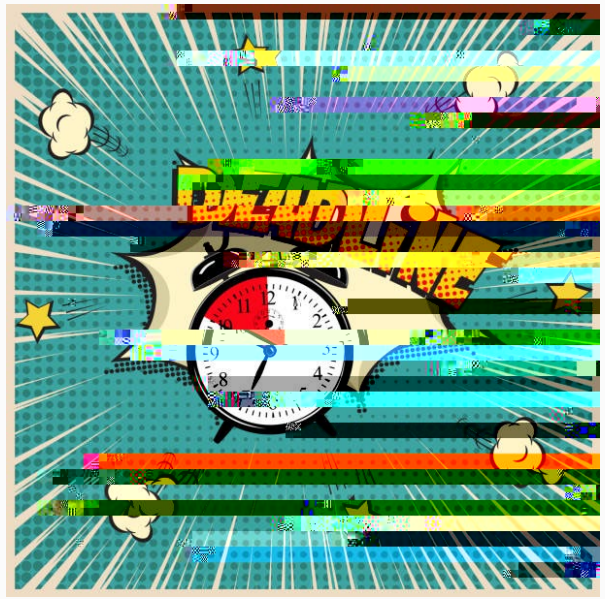


Alternative Application Deadlines for some Graduate students



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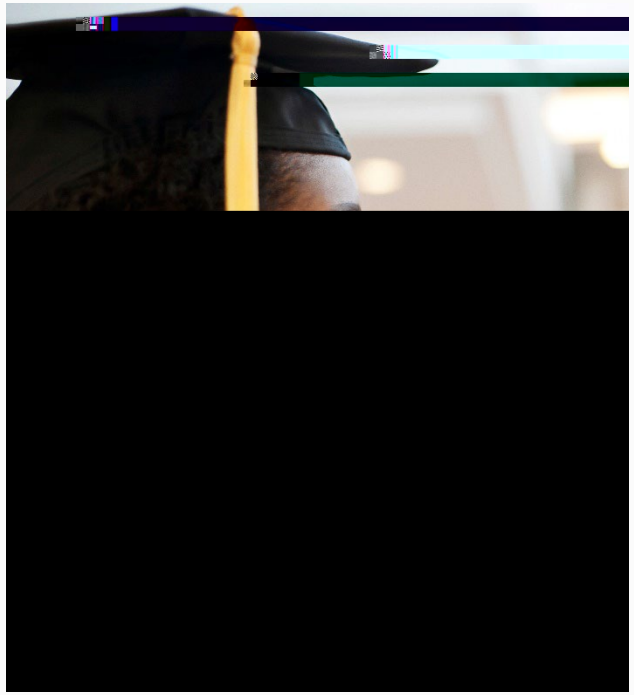

Sections 1 & 2

Section 3

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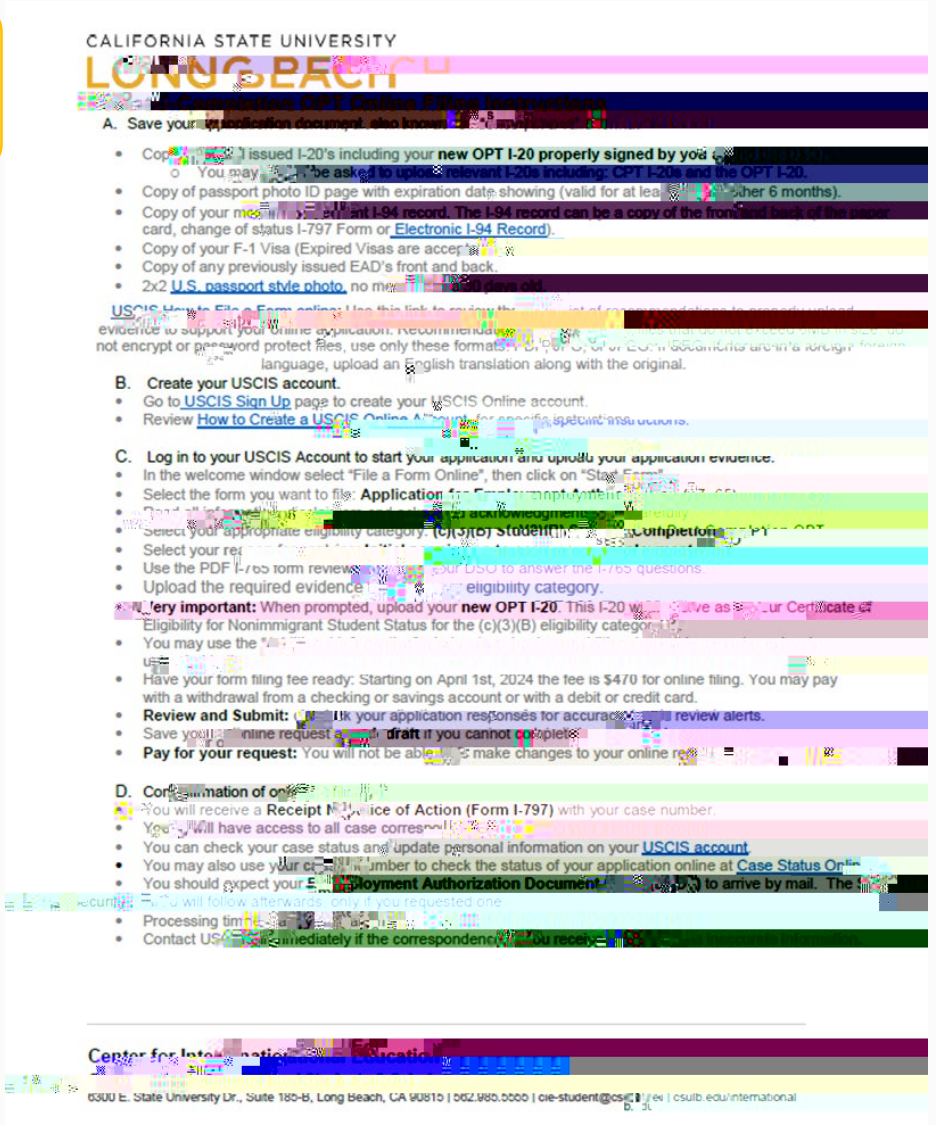
Class of Admission: F-1

file your OPT application online.



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

LONG BEACH

A. Save your application document, also known as

- Copies of all issued I-20's including your **new OPT I-20 properly signed by you**
  - You may be asked to upload relevant I-20s including: CPT I-20s and the OPT I-20.
- Copy of passport photo ID page with expiration date showing (valid for at least another 6 months).
- Copy of your most recent I-94 record. The I-94 record can be a copy of the front and back of the paper card, change of status I-797 Form or Electronic I-94 Record).
- Copy of your F-1 Visa (Expired Visas are accepted)
- Copy of any previously issued EAD's front and back.
- 2x2 U.S. passport style photo, no more than 30 days old.

USCIS How to File a Form online: Use this link to review the complete list of recommendations to properly upload evidence to support your online application. Recommendations: Do not encrypt or password protect files, use only these formats: PDF, JPG, or PNG. If documents are in a foreign language, upload an English translation along with the original.

B. **Create your USCIS account.**

- Go to USCIS Sign Up page to create your USCIS Online account.
- Review How to Create a USCIS Online Account for specific instructions.

C. **Log in to your USCIS Account to start your application and upload your application evidence.**

- In the welcome window select "File a Form Online", then click on "Start Form"
- Select the form you want to file: **Application for Employment Authorization**
- Read all information and click on the (c) acknowledgement
- Select your appropriate eligibility category: **(c)(3)(B) Student** – **Completion**
- Select your reason for applying
- Use the PDF Tips form review
- Upload the required evidence
- **Very important:** When prompted, upload your **new OPT I-20**. This I-20 will serve as your Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status for the (c)(3)(B) eligibility category.
- You may use the "
- Have your form filing fee ready: Starting on April 1st, 2024 the fee is $470 for online filing. You may pay with a withdrawal from a checking or savings account or with a debit or credit card.
- **Review and Submit:** Check your application responses for accuracy and review alerts.
- Save your online request as a **draft** if you cannot complete it.
- **Pay for your request:** You will not be able to make changes to your online request.

D. Confirmation of online

- You will receive a **Receipt Notice of Action (Form I-797)** with your case number.
- You will have access to all case correspondence
- You can check your case status and update personal information on your USCIS account.
- You may also use your case number to check the status of your application online at Case Status Online
- You should expect your **Employment Authorization Document** (EAD) to arrive by mail. The EAD will follow afterwards, only if you requested one.
- Processing time
- Contact USCIS immediately if the correspondence you receive

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Filing Deadline

file your OPT
I-20 with form i-765
within 30 days

Reminder:

File form I-765 to USCIS (ONLINE FILING)

Form I-765 Supporting Documents

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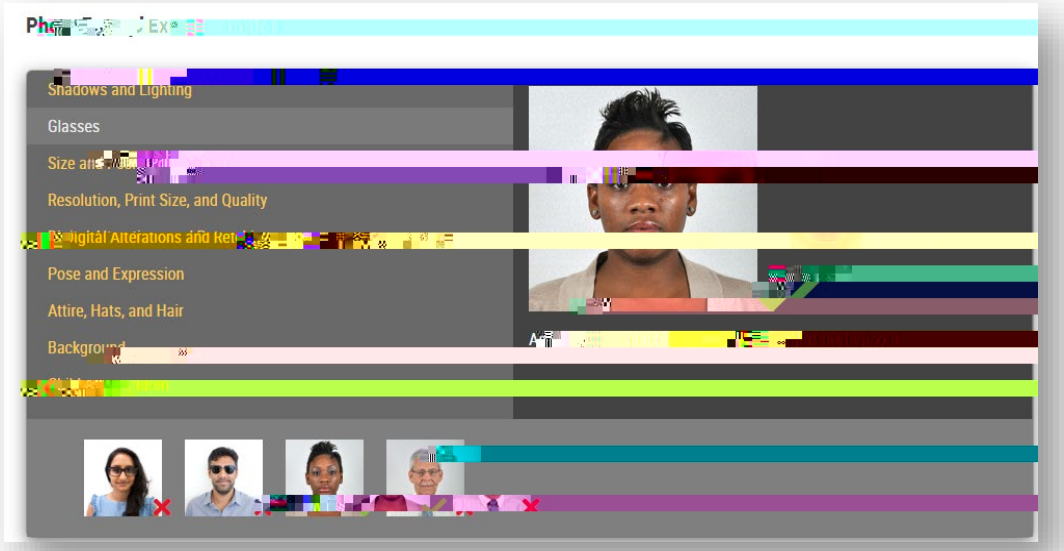
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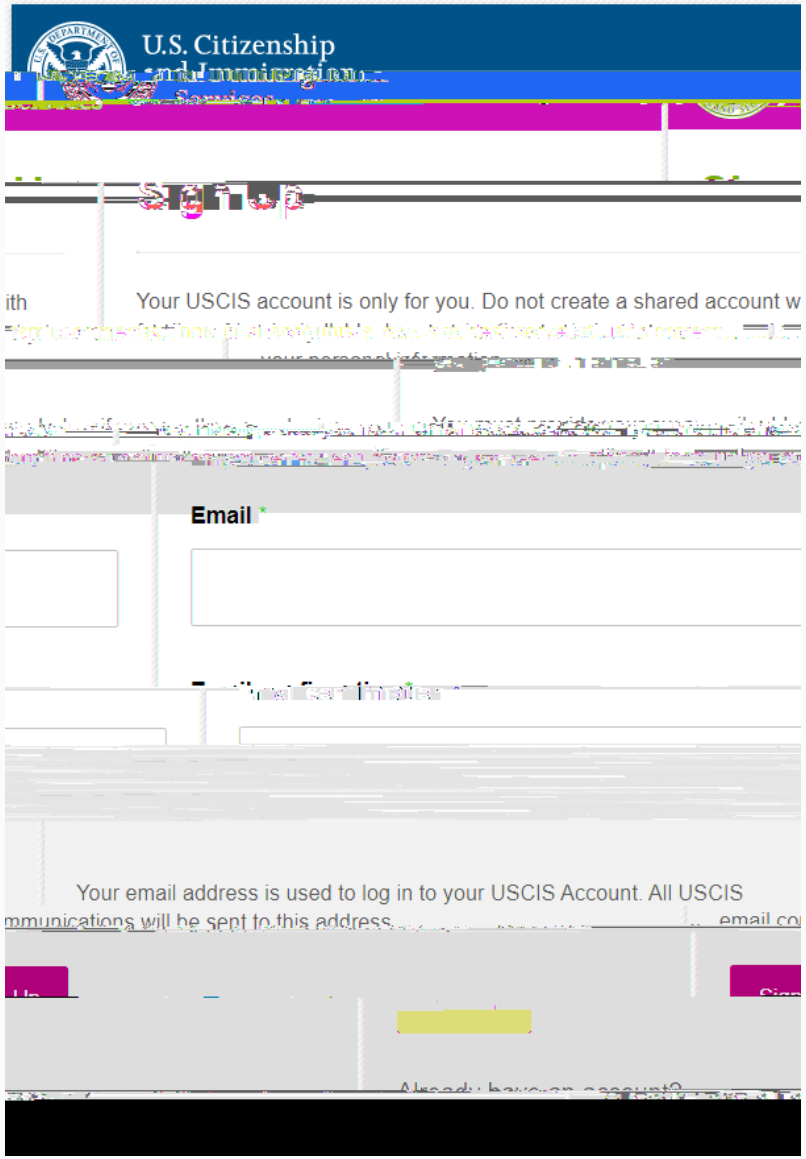

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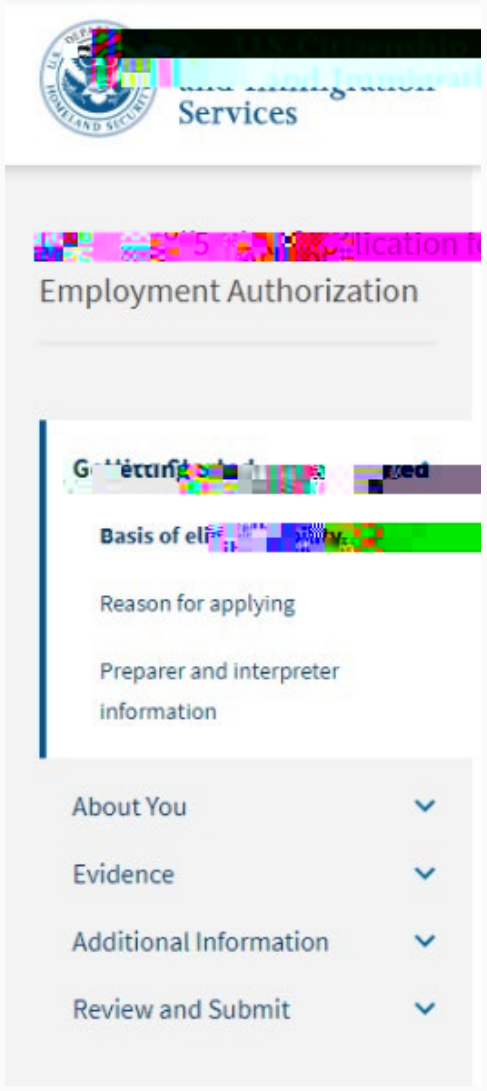

Basis of Eligibility

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Reason for Applying

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- **Have you previously filed Form I-765?**
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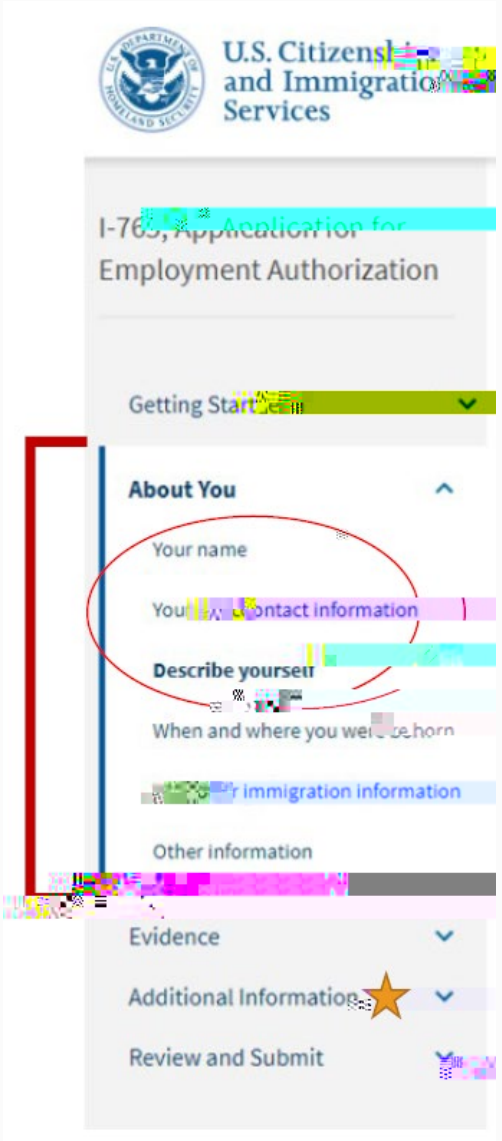
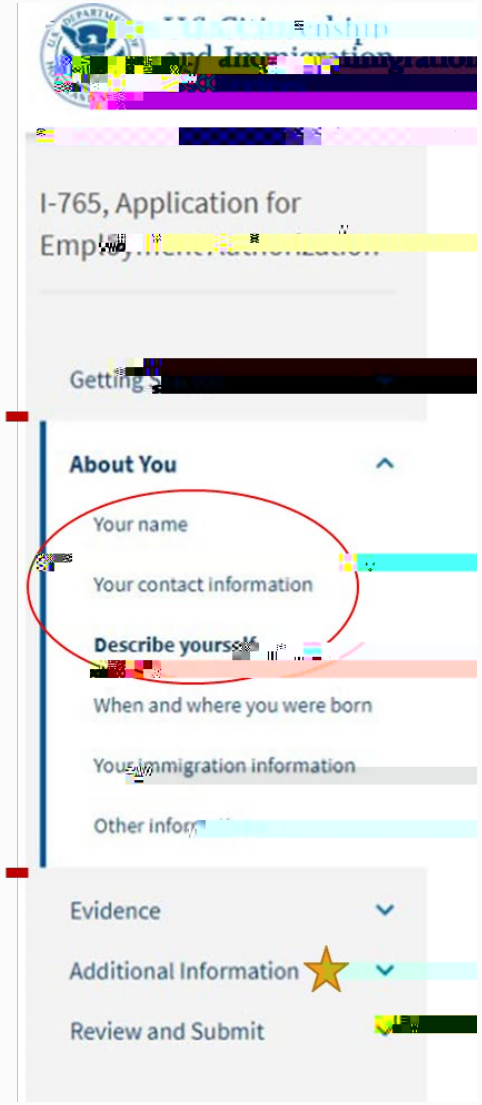


Your Name

What is your current legal name?

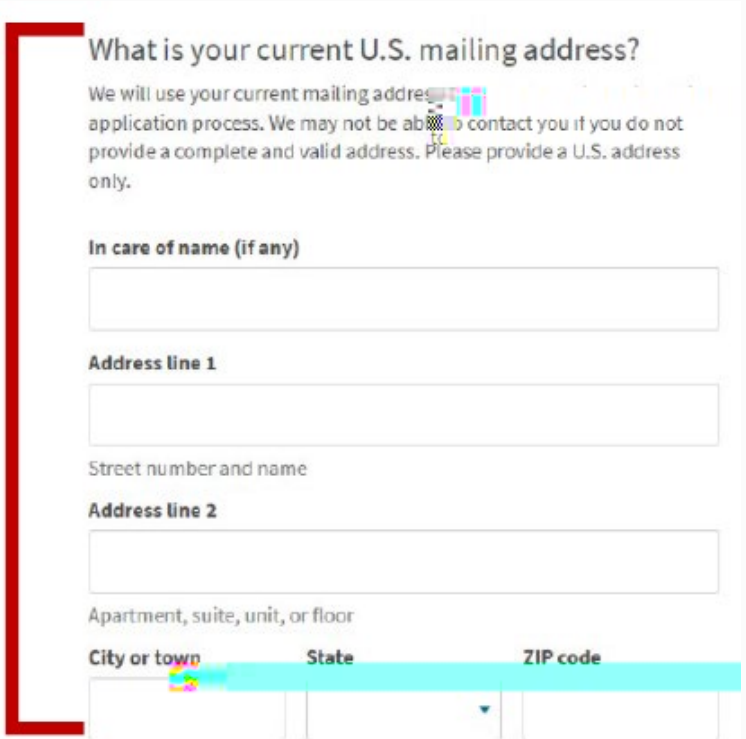
Have you used any other names since birth:



Your Contact Information

How may we contact you?

US Mailing Address:



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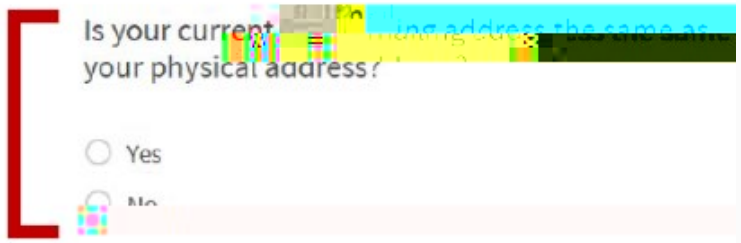

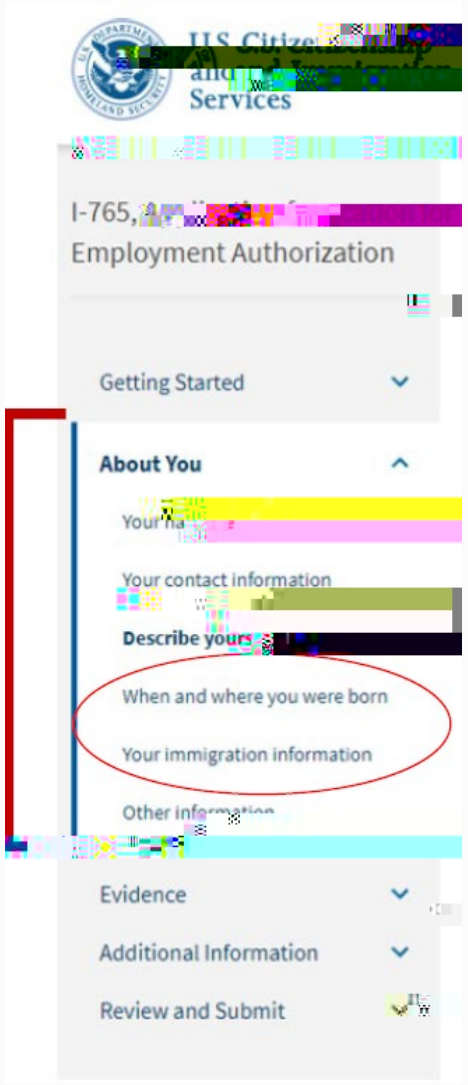

When and Where You Were Born

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Your Immigration Information (cont)

When did you last arrive in the United States?

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What is the passport number of your most recently issued passport?

What is your travel document number (if any)? You can leave this blank unless you have a travel document other than a passport.

What is the expiration date of your passport or travel document?

What country issued your passport or travel document?

What is your current immigration status or category?

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What is your Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Number?

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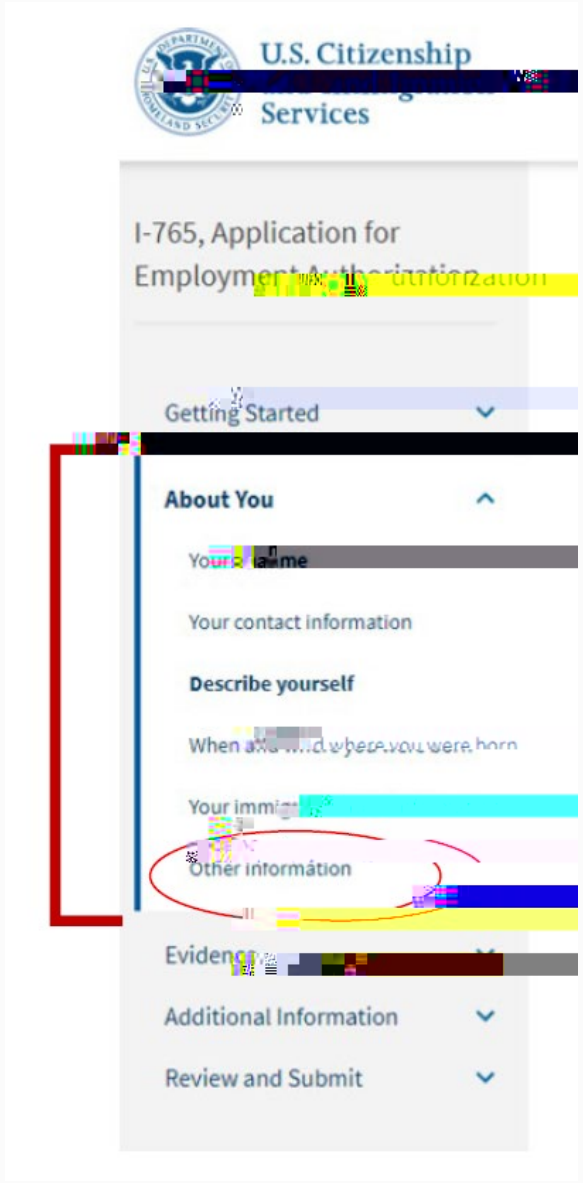

Other Information

- **What is your A-number?**
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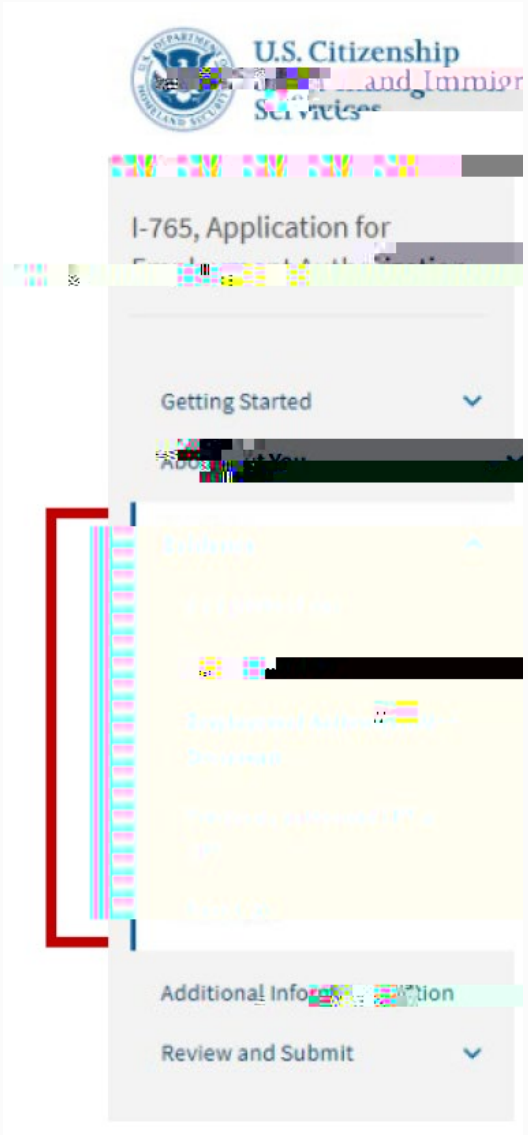
Evidence



2x2 Photo of you:

Form I-94:

Employment Authorization Document:

Evidence (Cont.)

Previously authorized CPT or OPT:

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Form I-20:

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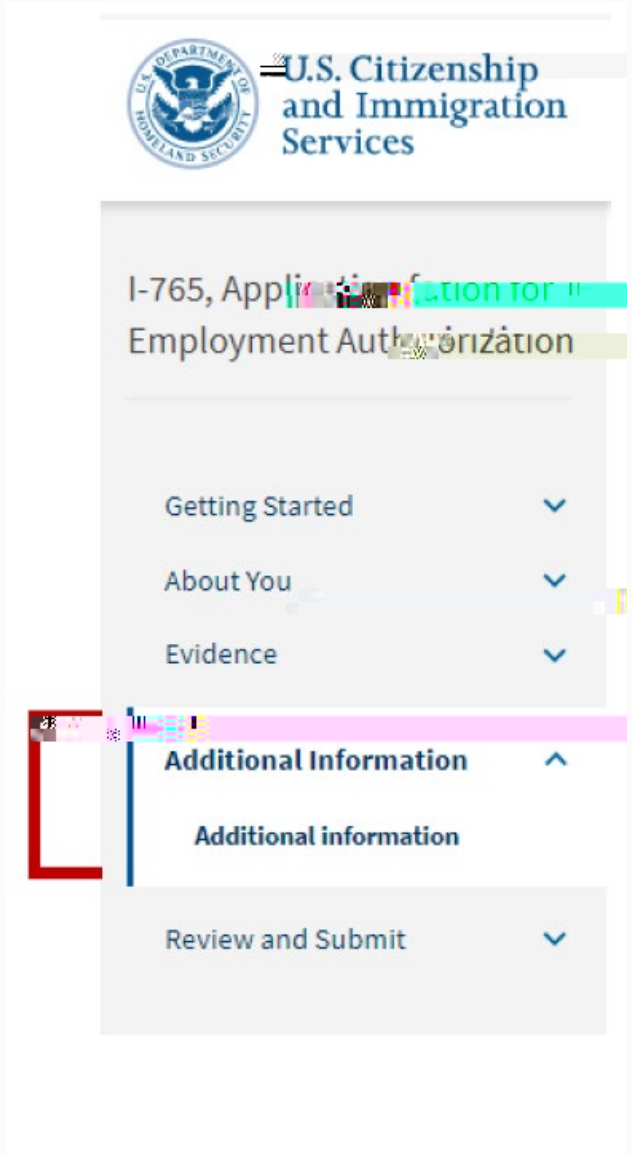
Tips for Uploading Evidence

- Make sure each image is clear and that all text is readable.
- You can upload multiple files in each section, if needed.
- Files must not be larger than 6MB.
- Files must be in one of these formats: PDF, JPG, or JPEG. For some forms, USCIS also accepts files in TIF or TIFF format.
- Do not encrypt or password protect your files.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Getting Started
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Additional Information (Cont)

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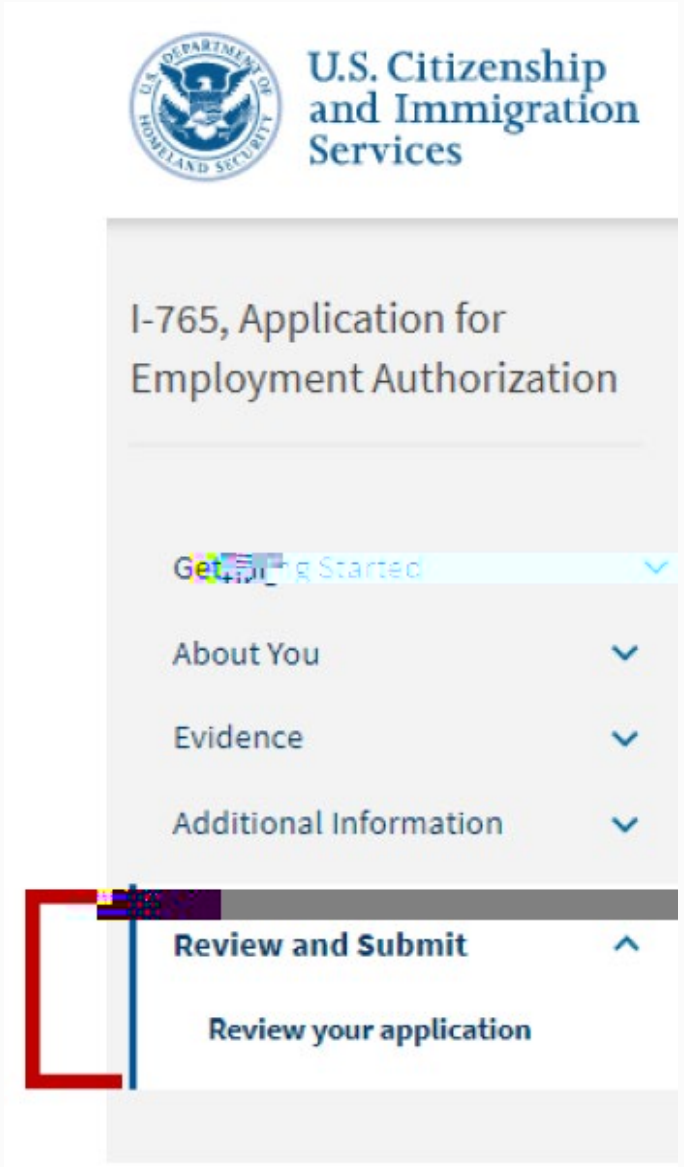


Review your application:

Read and agree to the “Applicant’s Statement”

Digitally sign

Pay the application fee:

Review & Submit (Cont)

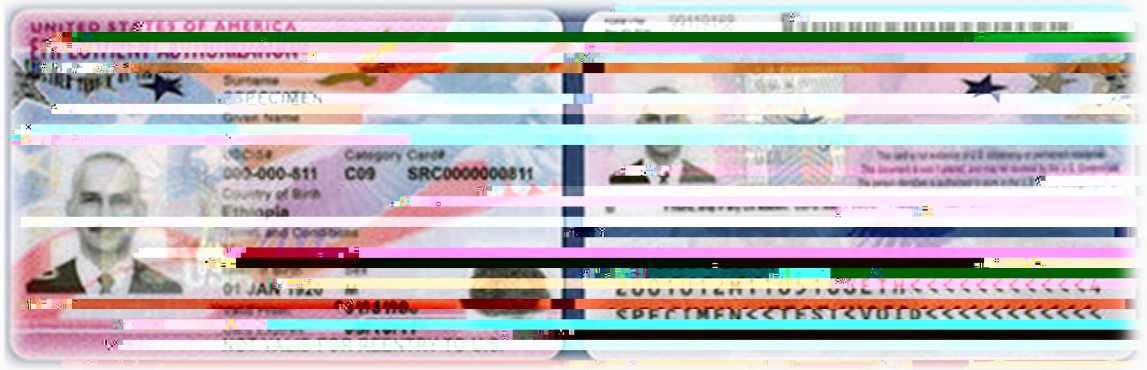
Submit your application!

IMPORTANT: Once you submit your payment information and the payment is successfully received, USCIS considers your application OFFICIALLY SUBMITTED. You cannot change or edit your I-765 application responses after payment has been submitted

INFORMED DELIVERY BY USPS

Maintain F-1 Status while Completing Post-Completion OPT

Employment



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Valid Employment Categories

How to Re-Enter Safely

INSURANCE

JCB Plan

within 30 days

https://jcbins.com/

alternative insurance

providers

Ending Post-Completion OPT

Helpful Resources

Career Development Center (CDC) Resources

College Job and Internship feeds

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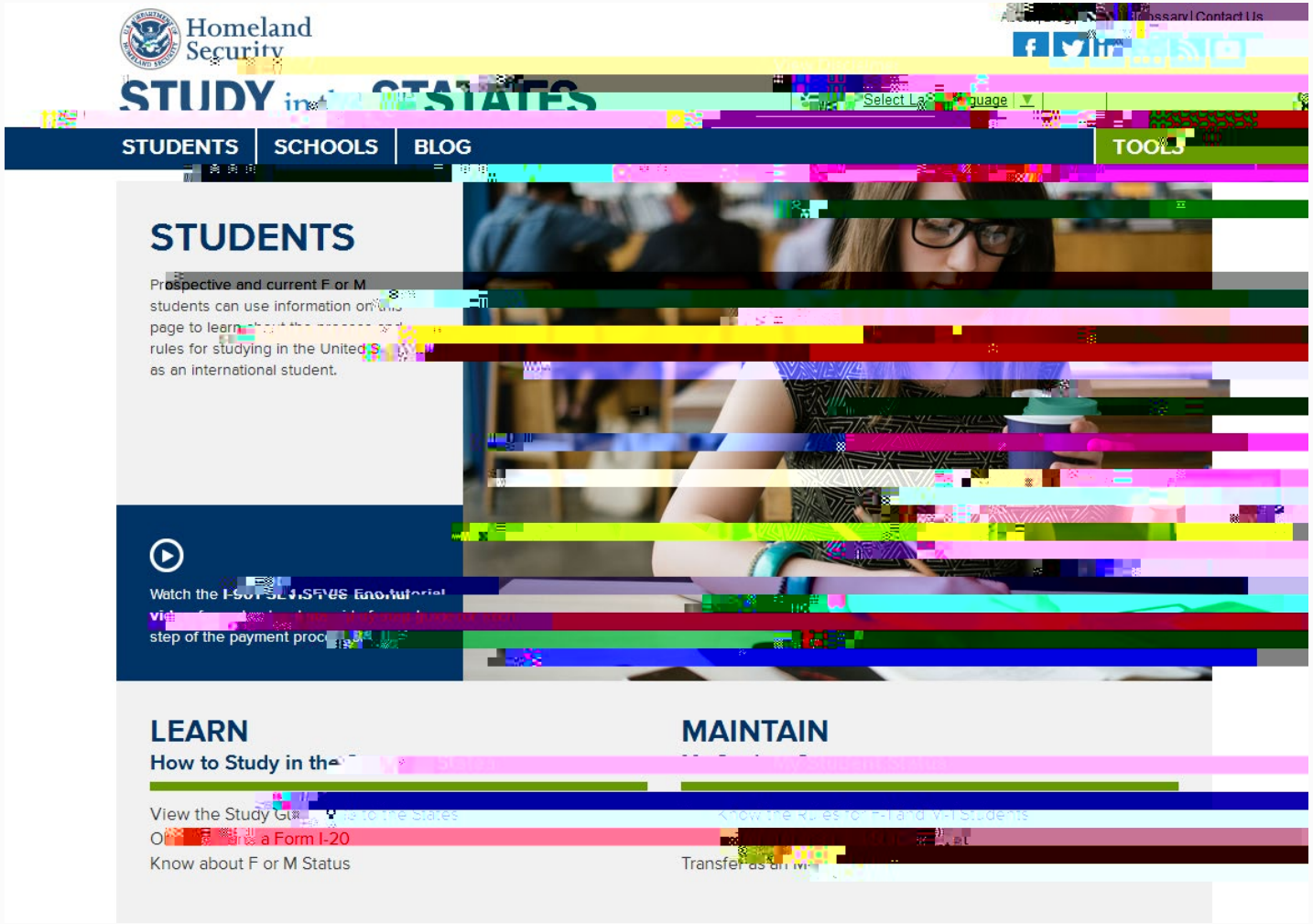

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