E-Filing STEM OPT Document Checklist

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• Files must not be larger than 6MB. Files must be in one of these formats: PDF, JPG, or JPEG.
• Do not encrypt or password protect your files.

Document List:
Compile the below documents then follow our STEM OPT Step by Step E-Filing Guide
1. Copy of STEM OPT I-20 (sign and date it with black or blue ink)
2. Copy of Unexpired Passport
3. Copy of I-94 (for white card version, copy front & back; for online version, go to www.cbp.gov/i94)
4. Copy of all previously issued I-20s that contain CPT, OPT or Economic Hardship (do not submit copies of page 3, the instruction page)
5. Copy of the current OPT Employment Authorization Document (EAD) and any additional EADs you have been issued.
6. Copy of STEM diploma and transcript (official or unofficial transcript)
7. TWO U.S. Passport Style Photos taken within the last 30 days (for photo requirements, go to: https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/photos.html).