Paying the OPT Application Fee

You will need to include a check or money order for $410 USD payable to ‘U.S. Department of Homeland Security’ with your OPT package.

If you are using a check, it should be linked to a U.S. bank account.

**Important Note:** Please make sure to:

- Date your check using the **MM/DD/20YY** format, and
- Maintain a high enough balance in the account linked to your check for at least the next two months or until USCIS cashes your check.

Money orders can be purchased at a [Post Office](#) or obtained from your bank (also called a ‘cashier’s check’).

Please see the images below if you need help writing your check or filling out your money order.

### Sample Check

![Sample Check](image)

### Sample Money Order

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You can find the appropriate USCIS address to include in your money order on this page: look under “Foreign Students”, category (c)(3)(i). Please note that the address of the lockbox facility is slightly different depending on your mailing method (via USPS or courier service).

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