

Paying the OPT Application Fee

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You will need to include a check or money order for \$520 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.

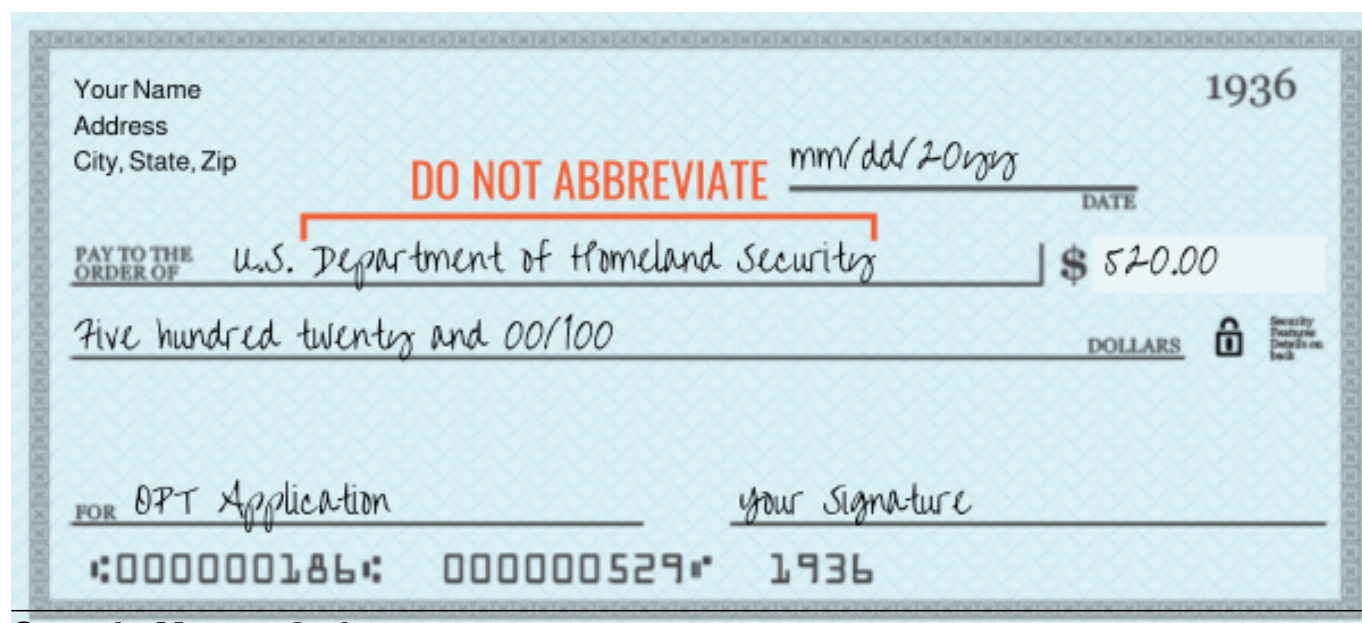
Important Note: Please make sure to:

- 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](#) [1] 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



A sample check form for the OPT Application Fee. The form is light blue with a grid border. It includes fields for 'Your Name', 'Address', and 'City, State, Zip'. The date is written as 'mm/dd/20yy' with a red box around it and the text 'DO NOT ABBREVIATE'. The 'PAY TO THE ORDER OF' field is filled with 'U.S. Department of Homeland Security'. The amount is written as '\$ 520.00' and 'Five hundred twenty and 00/100'. The 'FOR' field is filled with 'OPT Application'. The 'your Signature' field is empty. The bottom of the form has a MICR line: '⑆000000186⑆ 000000529⑆ 1936'. A small lock icon and the text 'Security Features Details on back' are visible on the right side.

Your Name
Address
City, State, Zip

1936

DO NOT ABBREVIATE mm/dd/20yy DATE

PAY TO THE ORDER OF U.S. Department of Homeland Security \$ 520.00

Five hundred twenty and 00/100 DOLLARS

FOR OPT Application your Signature

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UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE®

POSTAL MONEY ORDER

Serial Number: 000000000000

Year, Month, Day: []

Post Office: []

U.S. Dollars and Cents: \$520.00

Amount: []

Pay to: U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Address: Insert DHS Address Line 1

From: your Name

Address: Insert DHS Address Line 2

Address: Your Street Address (e.g. 421 Temple St)

Memo: OPT Application

City, State Zip (e.g. New Haven, CT 06511)

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You can find the appropriate USCIS address to include in your money order [on this page](#) [2]; 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).

[< Back to How to Apply by Mail](#) [3]

Source

URL: <https://oiss.yale.edu/immigration/f-1-students/employment/optional-practical-training/overview-of-opt-application-process/application-fee>

Links

[1] <https://www.usps.com/shop/money-orders.htm> [2] <https://www.uscis.gov/i-765-addresses> [3] <https://oiss.yale.edu/immigration/f-1-students/employment/optional-practical-training/overview-of-application-process/how-to-apply-by-mail>