

## Paying the STEM OPT Application Fee

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You will need to include a check or money order for \$410 USD payable to 'U.S. Department of Homeland Security' with your STEM 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 with a light blue background and a decorative border. The form includes fields for 'Your Name', 'Address', and 'City, State, Zip'. The date is written as 'mm/dd/20yy' with a red bracket and the text 'DO NOT ABBREVIATE' above it. The 'PAY TO THE ORDER OF' field is filled with 'U.S. Department of Homeland Security'. The amount is written as '\$ 410.00' and 'Four Hundred Ten and 00/100' in words. The 'FOR' field is filled with 'STEM OPT Application'. The signature line is labeled 'your Signature'. The bottom of the check features a MICR line with the numbers '0000000186', '000000529', and '1936'. A small lock icon and the text 'Security Features Details on back' are visible on the right side.

## Sample Money Order

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UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE®

POSTAL MONEY ORDER

Serial Number 000000000000 Year, Month, Day Post Office U.S. Dollars and Cents \$410.00

Amount

Pay to U.S. Department of Homeland Security Clerk

Address Insert DHS Address Line 1 From your Name

Insert DHS Address Line 2 Address Your Street Address (e.g. 421 Temple St)

Memo STEM 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).

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### Source

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

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[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/stem-opt-extension/application-process>