

## Paying the STEM 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 STEM OPT package.

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

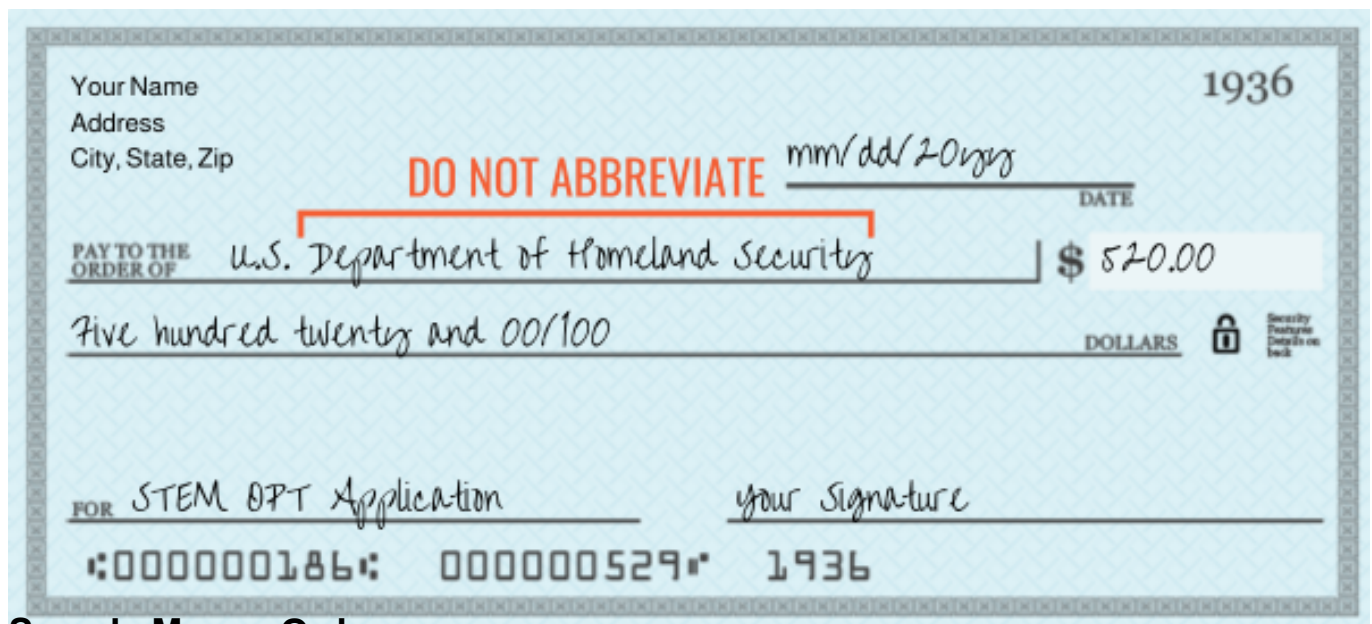
**Important Note:** Please make sure to:

- 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 contains the following fields and text:

- Your Name**, **Address**, **City, State, Zip**: Blank fields for the payer's information.
- 1936**: Year of issue.
- DO NOT ABBREVIATE**: A red stamp with a bracket pointing to the date field.
- DATE**: *mm/dd/20yy*
- PAY TO THE ORDER OF**: *U.S. Department of Homeland Security*
- \$**: *520.00*
- Five hundred twenty and 00/100**: Written amount in words.
- DOLLARS**: Printed word.
- FOR**: *STEM OPT Application*
- your Signature**: Blank line for the signature.
- Security Features Details on back**: Small text with a lock icon.
- ⑆000000186⑆ 000000529⑆ 1936**: MICR line at the bottom.

## 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: \$520.00  
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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SEE REVERSE WARNING • NEGOTIABLE ONLY IN THE U.S. AND POSSESSIONS

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>

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