

J-2 DEPENDENT EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

A J-2 dependent (spouse or child) can apply for an Employment Authorization Document (EAD card) from USCIS in order to work in the United States. There are no limits on the number of hours per week, or on the types of employment allowed with this EAD. The J-2 can only begin employment after the EAD is received.

Instructions for application:

Mail the following items to USCIS to apply for employment authorization at one of the addresses on the back.	
	<p>Form I-765 - Application for Employment Authorization Download the form - https://www.uscis.gov/i-765 Question 5: If desired, you may use the ISFS address Question 7: Must be your own address Question 27: The code is (c)(5). (The third space should be left blank.) If any field is not relevant to your application, enter "N/A" in that field. If an entire section is not relevant, enter "N/A" in the first field and draw a diagonal line across the section. Be sure to sign and date the form Part 6: If this is a renewal, list your previous EAD details</p>
	I-765 filing fee – currently \$410 – paid by personal check or money order made out to U.S. Department of Homeland Security OR Form G-1450 completed with credit card information (https://www.uscis.gov/g-1450)
	A copy of the J-2 dependent’s most recent DS-2019
	Copy of J-2 dependent’s passport bio page
	Copy of J-2 dependent’s visa stamp (Canadian citizens are exempt from this requirement)
	Copy of the J-2’s electronic I-94 record (https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94)
	Two color passport-style photographs; see instructions on reverse
	<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of marriage (Either marriage certificate in English, or if the J-1’s name is shown on the J-2’s visa stamp, highlight that on the copy)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Letter to the USCIS explaining that the J-1 has sufficient funds to cover the living expenses of the J-1 and all J-2 dependents, and that the purpose of the employment is for personal enrichment.

J-1 Visitor Documents	Copy of the J-1's most recent DS-2019
	Copy of J-1's passport bio page
	Copy of J-1's visa stamp (Canadian citizens are exempt from this requirement)
	Copy of the J-1's electronic I-94 (https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Copy of the financial documentation for the J-1 visitor's program

Instructions for photographs

Photographs for this application must have a white background and must be no more than 30 days old. They should be glossy and not mounted or retouched. The photos should show a full face, front view, with eyes open and a natural expression. Your head should be bare unless you are wearing a headdress as required by a religious order to which you belong. The photo should be 2 X 2 inches, with the distance from the top of the head to just below the chin about 1 to 1 3/8 inches. Lightly print your name and SEVIS ID number on the back of each photo with a pencil.

Photographs may be taken at the CVS on Court Street or State Street.

Mail your completed J-2 employment authorization application to USCIS at the appropriate address below, based on the state you listed in item 3 on the I-765 form. **We strongly encourage you to use a delivery option that can be tracked.**

IF YOU LISTED AN ADDRESS IN:	MAIL APPLICATION TO:
<p>Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Guam, or the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands.</p>	<p><u>USCIS Phoenix Lockbox</u> For U.S. Postal Service (USPS) deliveries:</p> <p>USCIS Attn: NFB PO Box 21281 Phoenix, AZ 85036-1281</p> <p>For Express mail and courier deliveries (UPS, DHL or FedEx – recommended):</p> <p>USCIS Attn: NFB (Box 21281) 1820 E. Skyharbor Circle S Suite 100 Phoenix, AZ 85034-4850</p>
<p>Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, U.S. Virgin Islands, or West Virginia</p>	<p><u>USCIS Dallas Lockbox</u> For U.S. Postal Service (USPS) Deliveries:</p> <p>USCIS Attn: NFB PO Box 660867 Dallas, TX 75266-0867</p> <p>For Express mail and courier deliveries (UPS, DHL or FedEx – recommended):</p> <p>USCIS Attn: NFB (Box 660867) 2501 S. State Hwy. 121 Business Suite 400 Lewisville, TX 75067-8003</p>

If you have any questions, please contact ISFS at 740-593-4330 to schedule an appointment with an International Student Advisor.