

# Color Photograph Specifications

You **must** submit two identical color photographs of yourself taken within 30 days of the filing your OPT application. The photos must have a white to off-white background, be printed on thin paper with a glossy finish, and be un-mounted and un-retouched

The passport-style photos must be 2" x 2." The photos must be in color with full face, frontal view on a white to off-white background. Your head must be bare unless you are wearing a headdress as required by a religious order of which you are a member. Using pencil or felt pen, lightly print your name and SEVIS Number on the back of the photo.

## 7 Steps to Successful Photos

- \* Frame subject with [full face, front view, eyes open](#)
- \* Make sure photo presents [full head](#) from top of hair to bottom of chin; height of head should measure 1 inch to 1-3/8 inches (25 mm to 35 mm)
- \* [Center head](#) within frame (see Figure 2 below)
- \* Make sure [eye height](#) is between 1-1/8 inches to 1-3/8 inches (28 mm and 35 mm) from bottom of photo
- \* Photograph subject against a plain white or off-white [background](#)
- \* [Position subject](#) and [lighting](#) so that there are no distracting shadows on the face or background
- \* Encourage subject to have a [natural expression](#)

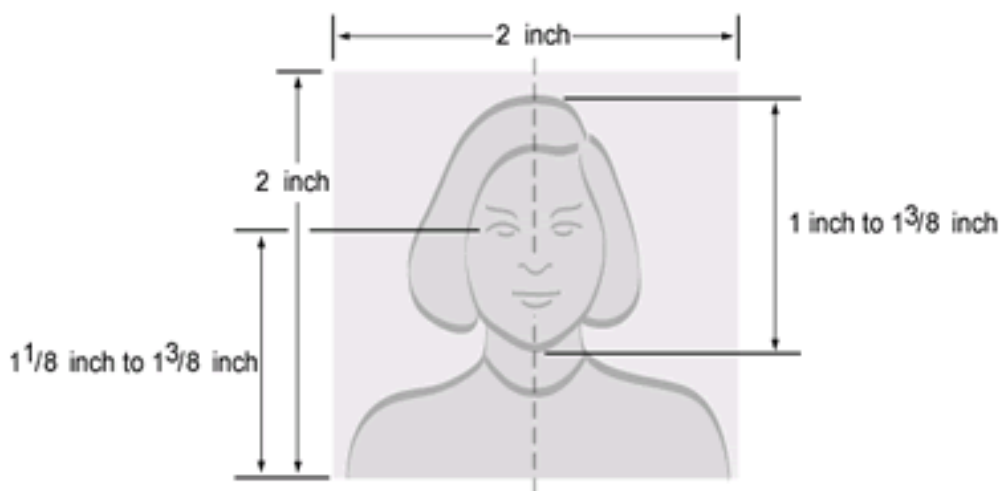


Figure 2. Head Position & Placement