

Color Photograph Specifications

You **must** include **two identical color photographs** of yourself taken **within 30 days** of the filing your OPT application.

The **passport-style** photos must be:

- 2”x 2”**
- full face**, frontal view, **NO eye glasses**
- have a **white to off-white background**
- printed on **thin paper** with a *glossy finish*
- be **un-mounted** and **un-retouched**
- Your **head must be bare** unless you are wearing a headdress as required by a religious order of which you are a member
- As of November 1, 2016 applicants are no longer allowed to wear eye glasses in photos.****

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)
- Make sure eye height is between 1-1/8 inches to 1-3/8 inches (28 mm and 35 mm) from bottom of photo
- Center head within frame (see Figure below)
- Position subject and lighting so that there are no distracting shadows on the face or background
- Encourage subject to have a natural expression

