Employment Based on Economic Hardship

According to the new rule, if employment opportunities are not available (i.e. on campus employment), F-1 visa students are eligible for off campus work authorization caused by unforeseen circumstances beyond the students' control.

Students must be in F-1 visa status for one full academic year, and be in good academic standing.

Students must make a good faith effort to locate employment on campus before applying to the USCIS (United States Citizenship and Immigration Services) for employment based on economic hardship.

Students requesting employment based on economic hardship will have to apply for an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) card on Form I-765 at the service center having jurisdiction over their place of residence. Form I-765 (the DSO certification) and the SEVIS I-20AB should accompany the application. A letter from you and from your family with supporting documentation explaining the unforeseen need very convincingly is required. There is a $380.00 fee for this request. Two visa pictures are required also. Economic form (Request for Expenses) is also required.

Mailing Address:
I-765
USCIS TSC
P. O. Box 851041
Mesquite, TX. 75185-1041

***NOTE: When applying for employment based on economic hardship, a student must make an effort to locate employment on campus before reporting to immigration.

The additional economic form (Request for Expenses) should be filled out with caution. If you do not list sufficient income, you may be asked to go home! Remember economic necessity only allows you to work 20 hours while school is in session. You will not be able to earn enough money to pay tuition, fees, and living expenses. Be careful!

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ATTACHMENT TO FORM I-765
APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION

Living Expenses:

Food: _____

Clothes: _____

Transportation: _____

Medical Expenses: _____

Rent: _____

Utilities: _____

Telephone: _____

Uniforms/Tools: _____

Misc. Income: _____

Current Income: _____

I certify that the figures above are true and correct to the best of my ability.

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Name   Date