



OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Economic Hardship Request Form

This form is to be completed by F-1 students to request that an I-20 be generated to apply for work authorization due to Economic Hardship with USCIS.

According to 8 CFR 214.2(f)(9)(ii) "An F-1 student may be authorized to work off-campus on a part-time basis...after having been in F-1 status for one full academic year provided that the student is in good academic standing as determined by the DSO. Part-time off-campus employment authorized under this section is limited to no more than twenty hours a week when school is in session. A student who is granted off-campus employment authorization may work full-time during holidays or school vacation. The employment authorization is automatically terminated if the student fails to maintain status."

"If other employment opportunities are not available or are otherwise insufficient, an eligible F-1 student may request off-campus employment work authorization based upon severe economic hardship caused by unforeseen circumstances beyond the student's control. These circumstances may include loss of financial aid or on-campus employment without fault on the part of the student, substantial fluctuations in the value of currency or exchange rate, inordinate increases in tuition and/or living costs, unexpected changes in the financial condition of the student's source of support, medical bills, or other substantial and unexpected expenses."

Student Name: _____

UL Lafayette ULID: _____ SEVIS Number: _____ Visa Type: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Address: _____

First Semester Enrolled at UL Lafayette: _____

Employment Begin Date: _____ (mm/dd/yyyy) Employment End Date: _____ (mm/dd/yyyy)

Please attach a letter describing your financial situation and why on-campus employment opportunities are unavailable or insufficient for you.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Once this request is submitted, the Office of International Affairs will review the student's application to determine that eligibility criteria are met. If the student meets the eligibility criteria, a DSO will issue an I-20 requesting economic hardship.

This request form and attached personal statement must be hand-delivered to the OIA at in the Student Union – Room 136 or e-mailed to: uia@louisiana.edu