

Photo Requirements

<p><i>You must submit two identical, color, recent passport-style photographs of yourself as part of your OPT application. We suggest that these photos be taken at Kinney Drugs or at Walmart.</i></p> <p><i>Photo requirements are as below:</i></p>
1. The photos must have a white to off-white background
2. The photos must be printed on thin paper with a glossy finish
3. The photos must be unmounted and unretouched
4. The photos must be in color with a full face, frontal view
5. The photos must be sized correctly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 2 by 2 inches (51 * 51 mm) b. Head must be between 1 to 1 3/8 inches (25 to 35 mm) from the bottom of the chin to the top of the head c. Eye must be between 1 1/8 to 1 3/8 inches (28.5 mm to 35mm) from the bottom of photo to the top of your eyes
6. Your head must be bare <p><i>NOTE:</i> <i>However, the Foreign Affairs Manual (FAM) delineates very limited circumstances (medical or religious) when such coverings might be acceptable.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If you wear a hat or head covering for religious purposes, submit a signed statement that verifies that the hat or head covering in your photo is part of recognized, traditional religious attire that is customarily or required to be worn continuously in public. b. If you wear a hat or head covering for medical purposes, submit a signed doctor’s statement verifying the hat or head covering in your photo is used daily for medical purposes. c. Your full face must be visible and your hat or head covering cannot obscure your hairline or cast shadows on your face.
7. You cannot wear headphones or wireless hands-free devices

Using a pencil or felt pen, lightly print your name and SEVIS ID on the back of the photo.

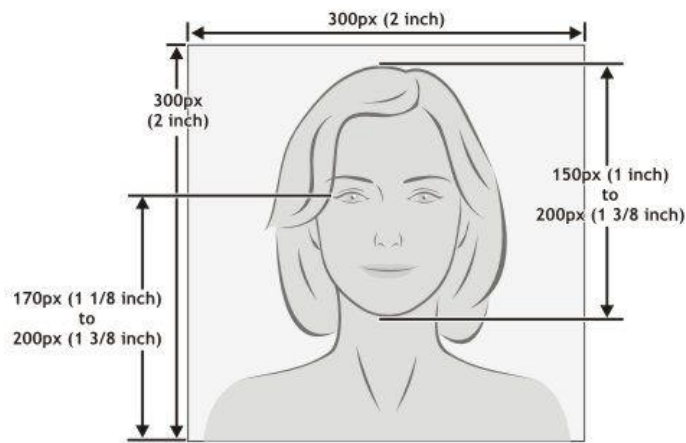


Photo Composition Template