I-912 Request for Fee Waiver
I-765 Economic Hardship

There are three basic situations where USCIS will review your Form I-912. Additional details, including evidence of the specific situation, needs to be provided. This is a multi-use form and many of the situations will not apply to F-1 students. The one most likely to be used by F-1 students is if they have a financial hardship they would like USCIS to consider when determining their eligibility for a fee waiver. This form is used for several different situations, so every question may not apply to yours. More information can be found at www.uscis.gov – Immigration Forms.

HOW TO APPLY for Financial Hardship

Complete Form I-912 and submit it with the application you are requesting to have the fee waived. You will need to complete Section 1, Section 2, Section 3 [(c) is the one you will want to mark], and Section 6. Only the F-1 needs to sign the form if you are requesting the waiver for a work permit (I-765). If you are applying for an application for a different benefit, then there may be additional information needed.

For Section 6, you will need to provide your reasoning and copies of any and all documentation you have to support your request. If you need more space to complete an answer, use a separate sheet of paper. At the top of each continuation sheet, write your name and SEVIS Number, and indicate the section and number of the item(s) to which the answer refers. Do the same for any additional documentation that you may have.

Unfortunately, there are no guarantees that you will receive the waiver from USCIS, however we will support your application as long as you can provide what we determine to be adequate documentation for your situation. The final decision will be up to USCIS.

If you chose, you may go to www.uscis.gov and complete the form on the computer. Then you must print the form out so that it can be sent in with your application. Do not get the form from any other website and do not file it on-line!

Any questions, please contact the International Students & Scholars office.