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**Tompkins Cortland Community College
Global Initiative Office, Room 230**

F-1 STUDENT STATUS RESPONSIBILITIES WHILE ON POST-COMPLETION OF STUDIES OPT

During your period of authorized Post-completion of Studies OPT, you are continuing in your F-1 Student Status and have legal responsibilities. Below is a list of these responsibilities. Please read them carefully and sign the Acknowledgment below that you understand them.

1. Only work in your major field of study and within the dates that you have been authorized on your EAD.
2. DHS regulations state, "During post-completion OPT, F-1 status is dependent upon employment. Students may not accrue and aggregate of more than 90 days of unemployment..." [8 CFR 214.2(f)(10)(ii)(E)]. You are required to report interruptions of OPT employment to our office [8 CFR 214.2(f)(12)(i)].
3. It is strongly recommended that you keep a record and supporting evidence of all of your OPT-related activities such as:
 - Details of job searches: correspondence with prospective employers, interviews, etc.
 - Employment information: dates, name/location of employer, position, part/full-time.
 - Volunteer work: dates, name/location/type of volunteer work, part/full-time. Please note that federal law requires that a volunteer may not assume a normally paid position or displace a U.S. worker.
4. You are required to report the following information to our office:
 - Change of name (You must bring proof of your updated passport noting the change)
 - Change of address
5. Beginning a new course of study or transferring U.S. schools automatically terminates OPT employment.
6. Obtain a DSO's endorsement to travel every six months.

7. Employment authorization is automatically suspended in the event of a strike or other labor dispute involving work stoppage at the place of employment [8 CFR 214.2(f)(14)].

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES WHILE ON POST-OPT

I have read and understand my F-1 student status responsibilities while I am on Post-OPT.

My Signature

My Name (please print)