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To whom this may concern,  
I hereby submit the attached documents regarding my application for off-campus work permit.

I am presently experiencing a significant and unexpected economic hardship situation which prevented me from paying the full amount for this semester “**see tuition statement**” and may also affect the Fall 2017 semester as well. To not lose my visa status, I used the “e-Cashier FACTS Payment Plan” (a payment option offered by the college) to pay the fall semester but I am still dealing with the problem. I am determined to pursue my studies and get my degree but with this situation, I am scared to not lose my visa status which will interrupt and ruin my academic career.

My GPA over the past three semesters is 3.86 “**see official transcripts**”, proving my determination of pursuing my studies. I understand regardless of my high GPA that I must pay for my classes; which is why I am applying for a work permit to help me pay my tuition and other living expenses. I have two semesters left to complete my associate degree. I really don’t want to stop here and lose all that I have so far accomplished. The fact the college is not so expensive (around $4,000/semester), with the Missouri minimum wage of $7.70, I strongly believe that 20 hours per week while school is in session will be enough for me to pay my studies.

To provide more details of my situation, when I came to the USA in fall 2015 to begin my studies at MACC, my uncle was funding my living and college expenses. In August 2016, a fire broke out in his business and caused $105,000 in damage “**see police report**”. Unfortunately, his business did not have insurance, so he is paying out of pocket to rebuild and restore his business. He anticipates he will be able to return to his prior business income to again fund my studies in the US. However, this will of course, take time, which is why I am willing to find a way to pay my studies by myself instead of relying on funds being sent to me.