A Guide for Filling Out The Form 8843

This form is for individuals who have NOT participated in paid employment during the tax year 2017.

Please fill out ALL the highlighted areas of this application on a clear application form.

1. Your first name and middle initial if you have one
2. Your last or family name
3. Your address in your HOME COUNTRY
4. Your address in the UNITED STATES
5. GENERAL INFORMATION
   1a. Your visa type (F-1 or J-1) and the date you ORIGINALLY entered the US.
   b. Your current status, if you have had a change of status. For example, you were an F-1 but have changed to H1-B or you were a J-2 but now have changed to F-1.
   2. The country where you were you a citizen in 2017 (if you have more than one citizenship, please use the one that matches your I-20)
   3a. Your passport country (if you have more than one passport, please use the one that matches your I-20)
   b. Your passport number
4a. The days you were PRESENT in the US during 2017, 2016, 2015.
   TIP: There are 365 days in a year. If you did not leave the US in these years, you can put 365. If you left for the summer break for example, count how many days and subtract it from 365. If you were not present at all, put 0.
   b. This number will be the same as you entered for 2017 above in 4a, the amount of days you were present in 2017.
6. STUDENTS
   9. You were a student of UMass Boston so enter:
      University of Massachusetts Boston 100 Morrissey Blvd. Boston, MA 02125-287-5000
   10. Your Academic/Department Advisor’s information
   11. The type of visa you held during 2012-2017. If you did not hold a visa and were not present in the US, write “NA”.
   12. If you have been in the US for more than 5 years as a student, teacher or trainee, check “Yes”. If you check yes, you must include a statement explaining that you do not intend to permanently reside in the US.
   13. If you applied for a green card, check “Yes”
   14. If you checked “yes” in 13 then you should explain the circumstances.
7. SIGN and DATE