Choosing OPT Start Date

You can't apply for OPT yet ☹

60 Days Grace Period
OPT start date can be any time during this period

90 Days Before Program End Date

Program End Date*

Line 5 on your I-20

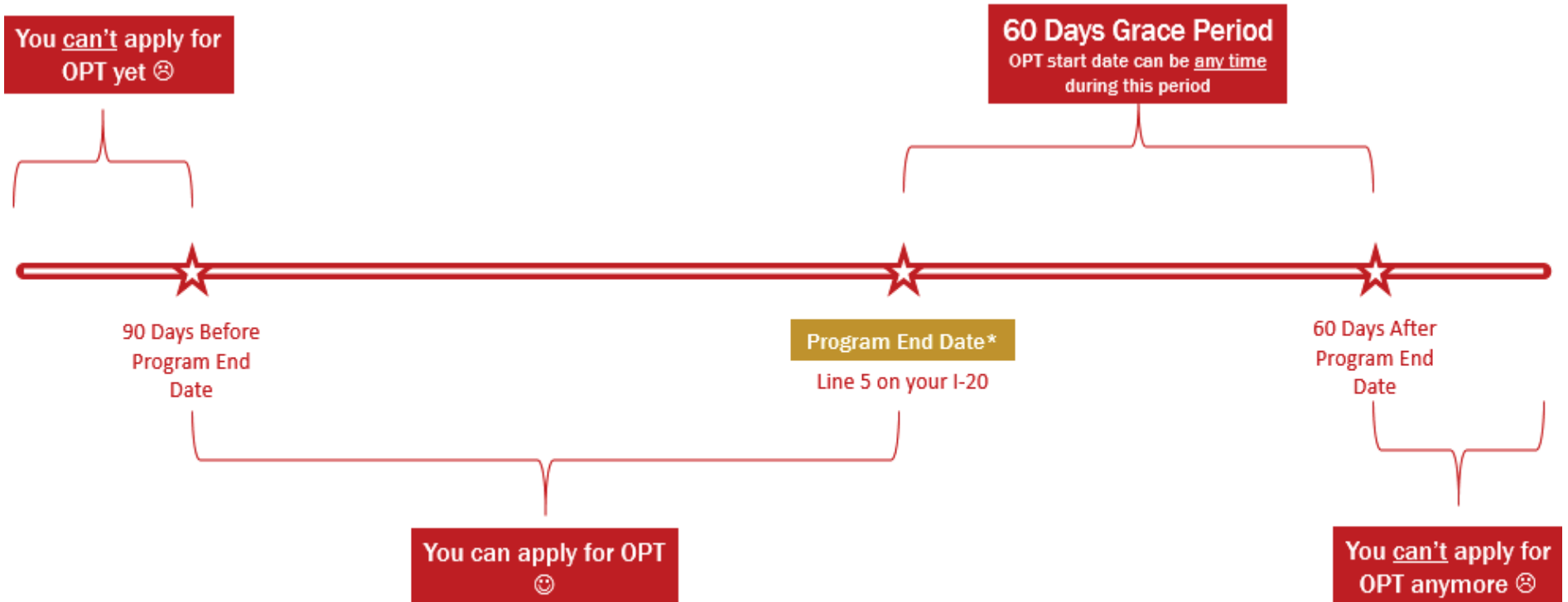60 Days After Program End Date

You can apply for OPT ☺

You can't apply for OPT anymore ☹

* Your I-20 will be shortened to reflect the last date of the semester

**90 Days of unemployment allowed after the start date on your EAD card