CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Merit, financial need, financial aid eligibility, transcripts, recommendation forms and student essay. ALL COMMITTEE DECISIONS ARE FINAL

AWARDS

Awards will become effective in the fall 2017 semester, in an amount not to exceed $1,000 per recipient. Funds will be automatically deposited in recipient's account, to be applied toward tuition, room, board, books and other academic-related expenses. This is a single year award but students are eligible to re-apply in subsequent years. Awards are typically split between the fall and spring semesters. Students will be notified of the status of their application by August 21, 2017.

ONE STEP CLOSER SCHOLARSHIP

THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON CENTER FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES IS PROUD TO OFFER THE ONE STEP CLOSER SCHOLARSHIP. THIS SCHOLARSHIP IS A GIFT FROM UH ALUMNUS JACOB ZALEWSKI.

JACOB GRADUATED FROM UH IN 2008 WITH A BACHELOR’S DEGREE IN COMMUNICATION. HE WAS A SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT AND FORTUNATE TO HAVE OPPORTUNITIES AND A SUPPORT SYSTEM THAT HELPED HIM TO SUCCEED IN COLLEGE. JACOB WANTED TO ASSIST OTHER STUDENTS IN PURSUING THEIR EDUCATIONAL DREAMS AT UH, AND RAISED FUNDS FOR THESE SCHOLARSHIPS THROUGH HIS NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, THE ONE STEP CLOSER FOUNDATION.
ONE STEP CLOSER SCHOLARSHIP

Criteria for Selection

BE A UH STUDENT REGISTERED WITH CSD

HAVE A DOCUMENTED HEALTH, PHYSICAL AND/OR MOBILITY IMPAIRMENT AS DICTATED IN THE CSD GUIDELINES

BE ELIGIBLE FOR FINANCIAL AID FOR THE FALL AND SPRING SEMESTER; APPLIED FOR AND QUALIFY TO RECEIVE A GRANT AND/OR STUDENT LOAN

BE FULL-TIME DEGREE SEEKING STUDENT OR ELIGIBLE FOR REDUCED COURSE LOAD.

• UNDERGRADUATE 12 HOURS
• GRADUATE 9 HOURS

MAINTAIN A GPA OF 2.0 OR BETTER, PREFERENCE GIVEN TO STUDENTS WITH GPA OF 2.5 OR BETTER.

BE AN ESTABLISHED STUDENT WITH ONE COMPLETED YEAR AT UH.

HAVE A CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL STUDENT ACCOMMODATION FORM.
ONE STEP CLOSER SCHOLARSHIP

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING APPLICATION AND CHECKLIST (ALL ITEMS REQUESTED MUST BE SUBMITTED, STAPLED AND IN ORDER)

All applicants must submit all of the following documents.

1. Completed Personal Information form (page 4).
2. Submit copy of current course schedule
3. College transcript (unofficial)
4. Two completed recommendation forms
   - One – current or previous UH instructor from student’s major field of study.
   - One – from another university professor, high school teacher or workplace supervisor.
5. Essay including the following:
   - Your major and academic goals
   - Your career objectives
   - How this scholarship would assist you in achieving your academic goals
   - Discuss strategies you have used to compensate for your disability in an academic setting.
7. **SUBMIT PAGES # 4 – 9 ORIGINAL APPLICATION TO CSD BY JULY 21, 2017 AT 12:00 NOON.**
8. **PACKETS WILL BE CONSIDERED INCOMPLETE IF:**
   - TURNED IN LATE
   - NOT IN ORDER
   - MISSING DOCUMENTS
PERSONAL INFORMATION FORM

Type or print neatly in ink.

Name of applicant_____________________________ PS#_________________________

Address___________________ City_______________ State_____ Zip_________

Phone _________________________ E-mail_____________________________

College_________________________ Major _____________________________

Classification: __Freshman __Sophomore __Junior __ Senior __ Grad__
Cumulative GPA ______

Activities

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Have you applied for financial aid through UH? ____Yes ____No

PLEASE SIGN BELOW TO INDICATE THAT YOU HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND THAT, TO THE BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE, YOU MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE ___________________________ DATE ____________
ONE STEP CLOSER

RECOMMENDATION FORM

Applicant: PLEASE COMPLETE PART ONE AND ASK YOUR REFERENCE TO COMPLETE PART TWO.

PART ONE: Student Name: ________________________________  PSID#: ____________________

Evaluator: PLEASE RATE THE APPLICANT BELOW AND RETURN TO THE APPLICANT.

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APPLICANT SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

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- □ Essay (student write and supply)
- □ Proof of financial aid eligibility (student supply)
- □ SUBMIT PAGES 4 – 9 ORIGINAL APPLICATION TO CSD BY JULY 21, 2017 AT 12:00 NOON.

Please submit the complete original packet no later than 12:00 noon on July 21, 2017. Submit documents to the CSD in a single envelope clearly labeled with the following:

- ONE STEP CLOSER Scholarship Application
- Your Name ____________________________
- PSID _____________________________