The **One Step Closer Scholarship Fund** is a gift from UH alumnus Jacob Zalewski. Scholarship recipients will be awarded up to $1,000 for the 2016-2017 academic year.

Jacob graduated from UH in 2008 with a Bachelor’s degree in Communications. 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*.

**Scholarship Eligibility Requirements**

1. Be a UH student who is registered with CSD and has a documented physical or health impairment as dictated in the Center’s guidelines.
2. Be eligible for Financial Aid for the 2016-2017 academic year. Eligible students have applied for and qualify to receive a grant and/or student loan.
3. Be a full-time or full-time equivalent, degree-seeking student. Full time is defined as registered for a minimum of 12 hours (undergrad), 9 hours (graduate), or eligible for a reduced course load.
4. Maintain a GPA of 2.0 or better, with preference given to students with GPA’s of 2.5 or better.
Criteria for Selection

The Center for Students with DisABILITIES Scholarship Selection Committee will select the scholarship recipients based on merit and financial need. Recipient selection will be based upon information received from the Scholarships and Financial Aid Office, transcripts, recommendation forms, and the applicant’s essay. All decisions of the Committee are final.

Applicants need to submit all of the following in order to be considered for a scholarship no later than July 14, 2016 by noon:

1. Completed Personal Information Form
2. Copy of current course schedule and college transcripts (unofficial is acceptable).
3. A minimum of two (2) completed Recommendation Forms. One form should be from a current or previous university instructor from student’s major field of study. One form can be from another university professor, high school teacher or a workplace supervisor.
4. An 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 academic and/or vocational settings.
5. Proof of financial aid eligibility.
6. Submit a complete original application packet plus twelve (12) copies to the CSD on or before July 14, 2016 by noon.

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered for the scholarship.
Awards

Awards will become effective in the Fall 2016 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 reapply in subsequent years. Awards are typically split between the fall and spring semesters.

Students will be notified of the status of their application by early August 2016.

Please contact Crystle Hutchinson at (713) 743-5400 or crmcdona@uh.edu if you have any questions.
PERSONAL INFORMATION FORM

Type or print neatly in ink.

NAME OF APPLICANT ________________________________ PS# ____________________

ADDRESS
Street ______________________________ City ______________ State ________ Zip________

PHONE ______________________________ E-MAIL ______________________________

COLLEGE ___________________________ MAJOR _________________________________

CLASSIFICATION: ___ Freshman ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior ___ Grad

CUMULATIVE GPA ________

ACTIVITIES___________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

Have you applied for financial aid through UH?   ____Yes   ____ No

Please sign below to indicate that you have read and understand the scholarship eligibility
requirements, and that, to the best of your knowledge, you meet these requirements.

Applicant Signature ______________________________ Date ______________
RECOMMENDATION FORM

Applicant: Please complete Part One and ask your reference to complete Part Two.

Part One: Student Name __________________________ PS# ________________

Evaluator: Please rate the applicant on Part Two of this form and return to the applicant in a sealed envelope.

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In what capacity do you know this applicant?

___College Professor  ___High School Teacher  ___Workplace Supervisor

For how long?____________ Course taught or name of workplace________________________

Evaluator’s Name: __________________________ Title: _______________________

(Please print)

Signature: __________________________ Phone #: __________________________

“You have the power. Live the Dream”
- Justin Dart, Jr.
Applicant Submission Checklist

Applicants are asked to use the following checklist to ensure that their application packet is complete before submission:

- ✔ Completed Personal Information Form (see above)
- ✔ Copy of current course schedule
- ✔ Copy of college transcripts (unofficial is acceptable)
- ✔ Completed recommendation forms (see above) or recommendation letters (minimum of two (2))
- ✔ Essay
- ✔ Proof of financial aid eligibility
- ✔ Twelve (12) copies of complete original application packet including recommendation forms/letters (will need to be opened if sealed)

* Original application packet

Please submit the complete original packet and your 12 copies (13 sets total) no later than noon on July 14, 2016. Submit documents to the CSD in a single envelope clearly labeled with the following:

- One Step Closer Scholarship Application
- Your Name _______________________
- Student ID #_______________________