

Olivier Gillier Grant \$1,000 Annual Essay Contest for U.S. Students

Olivier Gillier Grant offers a \$1,000 annual essay contest for U.S. students to showcase leadership, innovation, and community impact. Apply by Aug 20, 2025.

SAN JUAN, PR, PUERTO RICO, May 29, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Olivier Gillier](#), renowned finance executive and philanthropist, co-founder of RioBlanco Capital LLC, announced the inaugural "[Olivier Gillier Grant](#)," a \$1,000 annual

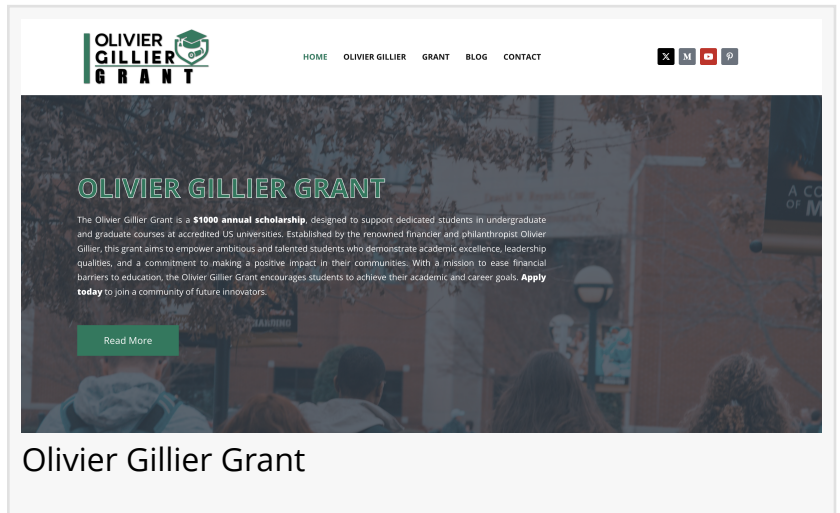
essay contest designed to empower ambitious undergraduate and graduate students at accredited U.S. institutions. This competitive grant aims to spotlight and reward outstanding student voices on themes of innovation, leadership, and community impact.

"Olivier Gillier has long believed in the transformative power of higher education," said Maria Santos, Director of Philanthropic Initiatives at RioBlanco Capital. "Through [the Olivier Gillier Grant](#), we're proud to provide tangible support to emerging leaders who demonstrate creativity, resilience, and a commitment to positive change."

About the Olivier Gillier Grant

- * Award Amount: \$1,000 one-time grant
- * Format: Essay contest (500–700 words, PDF)
- * Eligibility: The grant is open to any undergraduate or graduate student currently enrolled in a US-based accredited college or university. There are no restrictions on majors or areas of study; we welcome applications from all disciplines. Students who hold a 3.0 or above score are eligible.
- * Essay Theme: "Reflect on a challenge—academic, personal, or professional—that you have overcome, and explain how it has shaped your goals and aspirations. How do you plan to leverage these insights to make a positive impact in your community or field?"

How to Apply?



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1. Visit [<https://oliviergilliergrant.com/the-grant/>]
2. Complete the online application form.
3. Upload your 500–700 word essay (PDF) responding to the theme.
4. Submit a copy of your current transcript and proof of enrollment.

Applicants must upload their essay in PDF format, along with a current transcript and proof of enrollment. Essays will be evaluated on originality, analytical depth, and the potential for real-world impact. Each submission undergoes a blind review by a distinguished panel of academics, industry leaders, and community advocates. Submissions that showcase a commitment to solving real-world problems and creating sustainable solutions will be given special consideration.

Important Dates

- * Application Deadline: Aug 20, 2025
- * Winner Announcement: Aug 30, 2025

“We’re committed to a transparent and rigorous selection process,” noted Dr. Samantha Lee, Chair of the Grant Review Committee. “Our goal is to elevate student voices that not only articulate compelling ideas but also demonstrate how those ideas can be translated into meaningful action. The Olivier Gillier Grant is an opportunity for students to showcase their talents, but more importantly, their capacity to contribute to society in meaningful ways.”

About Olivier Gillier

Olivier Gillier is co-founder and Managing Partner of RioBlanco Capital LLC, where he has led structured finance and real estate investments for over 15 years. A graduate of the Wharton School, Gillier is passionate about fostering educational opportunities and community engagement initiatives across the United States. His commitment to supporting the next generation of leaders through scholarships and grants reflects his broader mission to create long-lasting positive change.

About RioBlanco Capital LLC

RioBlanco Capital LLC is a New York-based private equity firm specializing in structured finance, real estate, and community development projects. Founded in 2010 by Olivier Gillier and his partners, the firm is dedicated to delivering sustainable investment solutions while supporting philanthropic initiatives in education and social entrepreneurship. By providing grants like the Olivier Gillier Grant, the firm aims to help students who embody the spirit of innovation and social impact.

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