

Barry Bekkedam Grant Announces 2025 Winner from the University of Pennsylvania, Law Department

PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL, UNITED STATES, October 28, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The [Barry Bekkedam](#) Grant is proud to announce the recipient of its 2025 award: A distinguished student from the University of Pennsylvania Law Department has been selected as this year's winner.

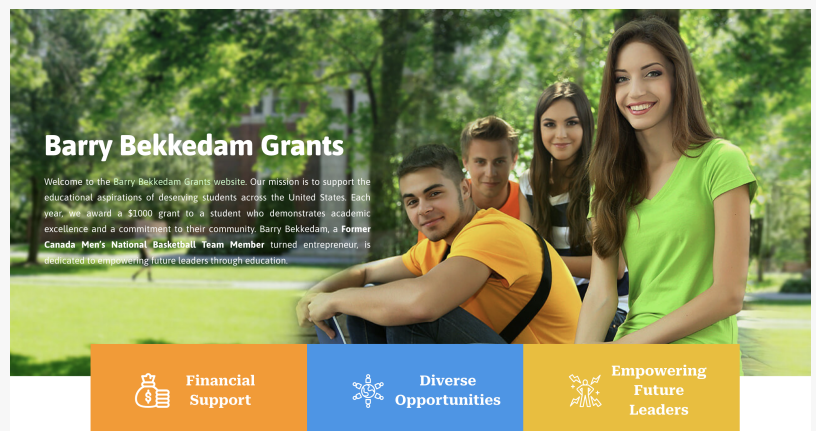
The Grant, founded by entrepreneur and former athlete Barry Bekkedam, continues its mission to support exceptional students who exhibit academic excellence, leadership, and a drive to create positive change. Through this annual initiative, Mr. Bekkedam seeks to empower the next generation of leaders who embody the values of discipline, teamwork, and purpose both inside and outside the classroom.

A Legacy of Empowerment and Excellence

The [Barry Bekkedam Grant](#) is awarded annually to one outstanding undergraduate or graduate student studying at an accredited U.S. college or university. The program welcomes applicants from all fields, including



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international students studying in the U.S. Each applicant submits a 600–700 word essay reflecting on how the lessons of sports—discipline, teamwork, and decision-making under pressure—can be applied to success in education and professional life.

“As someone who’s learned invaluable lessons through athletics and carried them into business and philanthropy, I believe deeply in the transformative power of perseverance and teamwork,” said Barry Bekkedam, founder of the grant. “Through this initiative, I aim to support students who are not only excelling academically but also striving to make meaningful contributions to their communities and professions.”

The selected recipient emerged as the standout candidate among numerous applicants from across the country. As a law student at the University of Pennsylvania, the recipient demonstrated exceptional commitment to academic excellence, integrity, and the pursuit of justice. Their application essay resonated deeply with the selection committee—articulating a vision for bridging the fields of science and law to foster ethical innovation and responsible policy-making.

Student’s Statement of Gratitude — “I am deeply honored to be selected as a recipient of the Barry Bekkedam Grant for 2025. This support not only recognizes my academic and professional pursuits but also empowers me to continue advancing my work at the intersection of science and law. I am sincerely grateful for this opportunity and for the generosity that makes it possible to pursue my goals with greater focus and purpose.”

— Winner from the University of Pennsylvania Law Department

The Barry Bekkedam Grant remains committed to providing financial assistance and encouragement to students who embody a spirit of leadership and innovation. The \$1,000 award can be applied toward tuition, educational materials, or research projects that align with the recipient’s academic goals.

“With every award cycle, I’m inspired by the drive and determination of the next generation,” added Mr. Bekkedam. “These students are the ones who will shape our future—with intellect, compassion, and courage. Supporting them is one of the most meaningful investments I can make.”

Looking Ahead

Applications for the next Barry Bekkedam Grant cycle will be open very soon to all eligible students attending accredited U.S. institutions. Applicants are encouraged to demonstrate not only academic merit but also leadership, creativity, and a passion for contributing to their communities.

About Barry Bekkedam

Barry Bekkedam is a former member of the Canadian men’s national basketball team who transitioned from athletics to a successful career in entrepreneurship and private equity. His

journey from the court to the boardroom inspired his philanthropic commitment to empowering students and young professionals who share his values of determination, teamwork, and integrity.

Through both the Barry Bekkedam Grant and the [Barry Bekkedam Scholarship](#), he continues to champion access to education and personal growth for deserving students across the United States.

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