

## **The Olive Branch Scholarship**

**Award: \$3000**

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As of 2018, U.S. student loan debt has topped \$1.48 trillion dollars, with 11% of students who are 90 days behind on their student loans. [[source](#)]

Here at The Olive, we see this is a problem and we'd like to do our part to help. We've even put together a list of the [best binders](#) that are both affordable and high quality.

That's why we introduced the **The Olive Branch Scholarship**, an annual scholarship of \$3,000.00 for young people burdened with student loans.

### **Scholarship Details:**

- Deadline: September 1st, 2019
- Winner Selection Date: September 15th, 2019

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

- Currently enrolled in post-secondary education at an accredited institution in the United States;
- Has student loans with accounts in good standing (not behind on payments, if any);
- Individuals born in 1988 or later.

### **How to qualify:**

Write a 1,000 word [persuasive essay](#) on one of the following questions:

- Is the status quo growing of national, state and municipal debt (bond issues) sustainable in the long-run?
- What level of wealth inequality, if any, is appropriate in a free society?
- What is the most important habit a young personal should develop to secure their financial future?

The winning essay will be based on quality: Use of descriptive language, citation and authority, clarity, logical flow and courage of your position (we encourage students to take “non-politically correct” positions if they can make strong persuasive arguments for them)

Please send your essay, as a PDF file, to [scholarship@theolive.com](mailto:scholarship@theolive.com). We look forward to reviewing your submission!

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