



2012 Davidson Fellows Scholarship Literature Requirements

The applicant must submit a 60- to 75-page portfolio displaying a number of literary styles and genres.

Portfolio Components:

- Table of Contents
- A 60- to 75-page portfolio of work containing three of the following four genres:
 - Fiction
 - Nonfiction
 - Poetry
 - Drama or Screenplay

Please note:

- Each genre may be represented either by one piece or by several pieces, as long as three distinct genres are included. (For example, in the fiction genre, applicants may submit several short stories or one longer novel excerpt as well as pieces from two of the other genres.)
- The total portfolio (not including Attachments) should not be less than 60 pages or more than 75 pages.
- All portfolio pieces must have been written by the applicant and created or updated within three years from the time of submission.
- All pieces should be typed, in English in an 11 or 12 point standard font. Line spacing should be either 1.5 or double-spaced.
- Each page should be labeled in the upper right hand corner with the applicant's last name and first initial, category, the genre being represented and the title of that piece, and page numbers in the form of page x of y should also be placed in the upper right corner.



Attachments to the Davidson Fellows Application

Attachments should be labeled in the upper right hand corner with the applicant's last name and first initial, category, title of submission and the words Attachment One; Attachment Two. All attachments are to be completed by the applicant. The word count or length of the attachments is up to the applicant.

Note: Applicants in ALL categories must submit Attachments 1 through 3.

ATTACHMENT ONE: Process Essay

Part One: Please answer the following questions:

- What inspired you to pursue this work?
- How much time (hours/days/months) did it take you to complete this work?
- How did you organize the work that went into doing it?
- What difficulties did you encounter and how did you handle them?

Part Two: Please answer the following questions:

- Where was the work completed?
 - Who supervised your work? (Give names, titles, addresses, e-mail, and phone numbers)
 - What help have you received in doing this work?
 - List who helped you and what assistance he/she provided. (Please include individuals who offered equipment, ideas, critiques, materials, methodology, etc.)
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ATTACHMENT TWO: Significance and Benefit to Society Essay

Please explain why your submission qualifies as a significant piece of work, as defined by at least one of the following criteria:

- exceptional creativity
- a new idea with high impact and/or broad implications



- an innovative solution with regional, state and/or national implications
- an important advancement that can be replicated and built upon
- an interdisciplinary discovery with the potential to effect positive change
- a prodigious performance

Also, please explain how your work may make a positive contribution to society or has social relevance.

ATTACHMENT THREE: Video Describing Work

Submit a maximum 10-minute, via YouTube*, home-production quality video recording. You are encouraged to speak “from the heart” in your video, rather than reading directly from a script. The video is a chance to talk about a topic not addressed in the essays or to expand upon a point the essays touched on only briefly. Suggestions for the structure of the video:

- In the first few minutes, you could briefly describe your submission summarizing why it was done, its significance, its benefit to society/social relevance and other details of your accomplishment.
 - Continue by describing how you became interested in this project, how it evolved and how working on it has helped you develop your talents.
 - Next, describe how your submission fits into the larger context of the field of study and describe the specific ideas/people/theories that influenced your work.
 - Conclude your video with a brief description on how you think your work/talent could be applied/highlighted.
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*YouTube video upload instructions:

- Go to www.YouTube.com
- Either create an account (it is free) or sign in
- Click “Upload” in the top menu bar and follow the directions [here](#), to make the video **UNLISTED**. (The Unlisted setting insures that your video will only be viewed by the Davidson Fellows Program and its judges, or anyone else you send the URL to.)
- Forward the link to your unlisted YouTube video to DavidsonFellows@DavidsonGifted.org with your name and the words “video link” in the subject line.