



## 2012 Davidson Fellows Scholarship Philosophy Requirements

The applicant must submit a work in the form of a portfolio presenting analyses of fundamental assumptions or beliefs relating to human thought or culture.

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### Portfolio Components:

- Table of Contents
- A portfolio containing three to five unique, written pieces related to the study of philosophy, including a works cited page and annotated bibliography.
  - Each piece should be no longer than 3,000 words.
  - All pieces should be in English, in an 11 or 12 point standard font. Line spacing should be either 1.5 or double-spaced.

### Please note:

- The formatting of the works cited page and annotated bibliography should follow the American Psychological Association Publication Manual or any other recognized style guide.



## Attachments to the Davidson Fellows Application

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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.

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### 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.

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### 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](http://www.YouTube.com)
- Either create an account (it’s 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](mailto:DavidsonFellows@DavidsonGifted.org) with your name and the words “video link” in the subject line.