



Davidson Fellow Jennifer Hall

(\$10,000 Scholarship Recipient)



Personal Info

Jennifer Hall

Age: 17

Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina

School, College and Career Plans

Jennifer is a recent graduate of the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and has enrolled at Hampshire College in Massachusetts, where she plans to study creative writing, environmental science and anthropology.

Davidson Fellows Submission (*Literature*)

Jennifer's portfolio was a manuscript that she composed over a period of 18 weeks, which included poetry, essays and short stories. In her writing, Jennifer examines the ordinary aspects of life in an exceptional style filled with clever plots, characters and images all focused on the goal of capturing her reader. Using observation as a key component, Jennifer transforms the mundane into the extraordinary, as she did throughout her portfolio entitled *Afloat*.

Biography

A native of Charleston, South Carolina, Jennifer began studying creative writing at the age of 11. When she was 15, Jennifer transferred to the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities where she continued to pursue her interest in writing and literature.

During the past few years, Jennifer's work has been published in *Literary Cavalcade* and *The Best Young Writers and Artists in America*. Jennifer has received several national Scholastic Writing Awards, Gibbes' Writing Awards and performed at Charleston's Spoleto Sundown Poetry Series.

Jennifer has many extracurricular interests. She loves taking dance classes and has worked as an art, music and dance class assistant for children at Creative Spark. She is also a licensed and certified basic-keelboat operator through the Ocean Sailing Academy. Jennifer served on her school's *Limus* literary magazine staff, was a member of C.A.T.S. (Connecting Arts Through Service) and the French Club.

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Honors/Awards

- 2002 Davidson Fellow (September)
- 2002 National Honor Roll
- 2002 Published poem in *Literary Cavalcade*
- 2002 Scholastic's Arts and Writing Contest, National Silver Award short story
- 2002 Scholastic's Arts and Writing Contest, Three Regional Gold Awards for portfolio, short story and poetry
- 2001 AP Scholar
- 2001 Published short story in *The Best Young American Writers and Artists*
- 2001 Reading at Clemson University's New Plays Premiere
- 2001 Scholastic's Arts and Writing Contest, National Gold Award
- 2001 Scholastic's Arts and Writing Contest, National Silver Award poetry winner
- 2001 Scholastic's Arts and Writing Contest, Regional Gold Awards for poetry and short story
- 2001, 1999 Requested reader at Spoleto's Sundown Poetry Series
- 1999, 1998 Gibbes' Poets and Painters Writing Contest, two awards

Community Activities

Jennifer is an active volunteer and has served as a camp counselor for neglected children, as a children's booth organizer at Art in the Park, and as a participant in Walk for the Homeless; has organized groceries for needy families through an organization called Pantry, and has cooked free vegetarian meals on Sunday mornings for those in need through Food Not Bombs. She has also been involved in a local battered woman's shelter, Safe Harbor, where she has volunteered with children and organized donations.

Serving as the executive member of a school service club, Jennifer coordinated groups to clean up local rivers and parks. She also initiated the recycling program at her high school.

Jennifer has also volunteered as a spotlight operator at the Midtown Theater and worked at the South Carolina Wildlife Expo.

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