



**Davidson Fellow  
April Wang**

(\$25,000 Scholarship Recipient)



**Personal Info**

April Wang

Age: 17

Cincinnati, OH

**School, College and Career Plans**

April will be a senior at Sycamore High School this fall where she will be the editor of the school's newspaper, *The Leaf*. She wants her work to expand to carry her message worldwide. For future plans, April wants to be happy and to take life headlong as it comes—hopefully, with a pen in hand.

**Davidson Fellows Submission** (*Literature*)

April Wang is a budding author whose portfolio, entitled "Who Am I?", includes fiction, nonfiction and poetic works based on her life. Through her writing, April conveys the importance of following one's heart and exploring all the opportunities that life presents in order to discover individuality. She thoughtfully communicates her journey of self-exploration through characters that exhibit light-heartedness and humor while invoking self-reflection in the reader.

**Biography**

When April is not watching her favorite movie, *Anne of Green Gables*, you will find her reading and writing. She describes herself, above all, as a bookworm, which shows in her perfect SAT II Literature score. Historical fiction is her all-time favorite, and April also enjoys reading children's classics such as *Little Women* and *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*.

For the past eight years, April has been enrolled in Sycamore District public schools, pursuing a heavy course load of AP classes. During her first year at Sycamore High, April discovered journalism and began to experiment with her writing; her constrained style was liberated. She writes for *The Leaf* as well as for *Leaves of Thought*, her high school's literary magazine. She is also the co-founder and secretary of Poetry Club.

She hopes that her work will bring self-awareness to people, helping them to understand and actualize the themes of happiness and self-reliance.

April's hobbies include bargain shopping. She has been a member of both the cross-country and track teams for the past three years.

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### **Honors/Awards**

- 2004 Davidson Fellow
- 2004 Kansas City Star Hemingway Feature Writing Competition, Feature Portfolio Finalist
- 2004 Ball State University Crossroads Magazine, Internship Winner
- 2004 Great Lakes Interscholastic Press Association, Opinion Writing, First Place
- 2004 Great Lakes Interscholastic Press Association, Review, First Place
- 2004 Ohio Professional Writers, Feature, State Finalist
- 2004 Ohio Professional Writers, Review, First Place
- 2003 Iliad Press Poetry Competition, Second Place
- 2003 Verizon Wireless Student News Conference Writing Competition, Second Place
- 2002 Ohio Profession Writers, Review, Honorable Mention
- 2002 History Fair, Regional Qualifier
- 2001 Ohio Professional Writers, Review, Third Place

### **Community Activities**

Volunteering is an important part of April's life. She works with Chinese orphans who are adopted by American families, teaching them about their culture, playing games with them, and often helping them to get settled into their new country.

April is also a Red Cross Youth Team volunteer and a member of the Random Acts of Kindness Club.

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