



**Davidson Fellow  
Natasha Simonova**

(\$25,000 Scholarship Recipient)



**Personal Info**

Natasha Simonova

Age: 17

Huntingdon Valley, PA

**School, College and Career Plans**

A senior at Lower Moreland High School, Natasha will graduate in June 2005, upon which she hopes to attend a university in the United Kingdom where she will study English. After her degree, Natasha would like to work in publishing or journalism.

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

Natasha Simonova crafted a portfolio, titled "The Renaissance: But Victual of Voracious Change," which is comprised of an excerpt from a novel, a short story, and poetry that explores life in the 1500s. Natasha combined historical exploration with fictional characters and weaves compelling backdrops and plots to educate her readers about this particular era, while providing thought-provoking parallels between the Renaissance and modern-day life.

**Biography**

Since second grade, Natasha has attended the public schools in the Lower Moreland Township School District. She was placed in the Academic Talented Program throughout elementary and middle school and, because she started school later than most, skipped fourth grade.

As Natasha believes that the written word can have a profound impact on people's lives, she created a portfolio of historical creative writing. To do this, she read almost every available book she could find at her school and community libraries, and then turned her research notes into an essay, poetry, and background for fiction. Her AP English Literature and AP U.S. History coursework also influenced her work.

Currently, Natasha is the editor-in-chief of her school newspaper, the *Lion's Roar*.

She is involved in the World Affairs Council and Academic Decathlon, in which she has received a number of medals at the regional and state levels.

Natasha also plays the clarinet in the symphonic band and orchestra.

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**Honors/Awards**

- 2004 Davidson Fellow
- 2004 Harvard Book Prize
- 2004 Scholastic Writing Award
- 2004, National Merit Semi-Finalist
- 2004 Academic Decathlon Medal, Regional and State Levels
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