



**Davidson Fellow  
Maia Cabeza**

(\$25,000 Scholarship Recipient)



**Personal Info**

Maia Cabeza

Age: 12

Chapel Hill, North Carolina

**School, College and Career Plans**

As a homeschooled student, Maia is able to study with Richard Luby (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) and Patinka Kopec (Manhattan School of Music). After high school, she plans to study at a music conservatory or university. She dreams of being a concert violinist.

**Davidson Fellows Submission** (*Music: Classical Instrumentalist*)

In her portfolio titled “Sharing Music With People Around The World,” Maia hopes to promote communication across all cultural and language barriers. Maia started violin lessons in Toronto when she was 4. Studying with faculty members at the Manhattan School of Music and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Maia has performed in the United States and abroad, receiving accolades for her technical proficiency and musicality, as well as first-place awards in the Chapel Hill Philharmonia and Triangle Youth Philharmonic competitions.

**Biography**

Maia was born in Japan to Argentinean parents, grew up in Japan and Canada and currently lives in the United States. She is bilingual in Spanish and English and believes that her background and interest in other cultures will help her to share music with people in other countries. She had her orchestral debut at the age of 10, playing Mozart’s “Adagio” and “Rondo.” Last year, she performed Ravel’s “Tzigane” with the Triangle Youth Philharmonic.

Homeschooling allows Maia more time for her daily five-hour practices and more flexibility for lessons and competitions. This year, Maia has attended master classes by Rachel Barton, Martha Katz and Jose Serebrier. She is first violin of the Triangle Youth Philharmonic. Her solo performances include “Concerto in E minor” by Mendelssohn with the Danville Symphony and “Havanaise” by Saint-Saëns with the Duke String School Chamber Orchestra at Duke University.

Besides music, Maia enjoys swimming, photography, graphic design and reading. She swims for one team during the school year and another during the summer, winning several races. She loves digital photography and likes to edit photos and create graphics for the Web pages she designs for herself and her friends.

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**Honors/Awards**

- 2005 Davidson Fellow
- 2005 Sphinx Competition, Minerva Achievement Award
- 2004 Triangle Youth Philharmonic Concerto Competition, First Place
- 2004 Loan of a Gragnani violin by the Stradivari Society®
- 2004, 2003, 2002 Duke String School Chamber Orchestra, First Violin
- 2003 Chapel Hill Philharmonia Concerto Competition, First Place
- 2003 Winston-Salem Symphony Youth Talent Search, Second Place
- 2002, 2001 Duke String School Chamber Orchestra, Second Violin
- 2000 Edmonton Kiwanis Music Competition, First Place
- 2000 Edmonton Fall Festival, First Place
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**Community Activities**

Maia likes to share her music with people in her community by volunteering in educational and benefit concerts.

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