



**Davidson Fellow
Anna Stalker**

(\$10,000 Scholarship Recipient)



Personal Info

Anna Stalker

Age: 15

Birmingham, Alabama

School, College and Career Plans

Entering her junior year at The Altamont School, Anna's main source of academic and social enrichment is the Duke Talent Identification Program (TIP). Although she has no concrete career goals yet, she is sure of one thing – she wants her life to be a meaningful reflection of her passions.

Davidson Fellows Submission (*Literature*)

In her portfolio, "The Reincarnation Journals," Anna addresses the persistent search for truth through different literary expressions and experiences in her portfolio," Anna's separate narratives are bound by recurring symbols and ideas, blending to ultimately become one story told from many perspectives. In imagistic works, the author explores the search for truth and beauty through depictions of human interaction and the interactions of the larger cosmos. When Anna's individual pieces are gathered, a larger meaning emerges.

Biography

Anna has always considered her writing to be an intimate expression of self; she views it as a means of communicating her beliefs and world views. When her educational career began, Anna was enrolled in a mixture of regular and gifted classes. These specialized courses helped her to better emphasize problem-solving and independent learning in her writing.

Anna has an assortment of other interests as well. She has received a number of science-related awards, is interested in marine biology and foreign languages, played on her high school tennis team and is even the lead singer for a local indie rock band.

She has also remained academically busy over the summer. The summer courses Anna has taken as part of the Duke TIP Program (Tension and Balance before 9th grade and Wisdom of the East before 10th grade) along with an internship through University of Alabama at Birmingham's Psychology Department have helped contribute to her ongoing interests.

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Honors/Awards

- 2006 Davidson Fellow
- 2006 Alabama Latin Convention Mythology Bee, 1st Place
- 2006 Alabama Latin Convention, Advanced Academic Heptathlon, 1st Place
- 2006 Highest Academic Average, 10th Grade
- 2006 Emory Book Award recipient
- 2006 Alabama School of Fine Arts Literary Competition, Fiction, 2nd Place
- 2005-2006 Altamont School Scholar's Bowl Team Captain
- 2005 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair Finalist
- 2005 Altamont School Science Fair (Social and Behavioral Sciences), 1st Place
- 2005 Regional Science Fair (Social and Behavioral Sciences), 1st Place
- 2005 Regional Science Fair - American Psychological Association Award
- 2005 State Science Fair (Social and Behavioral Sciences), 1st Place
- 2005 Regional Paper Reading Contest (Humanities), 1st Place
- 2005 Alabama Latin Convention Mythology Bee, 2nd Place
- 2005 Alabama Latin Convention – Level II Academic Pentathlon Test, 1st Place
- 2005 Highest Academic Average, 9th Grade
- 2005 Alabama School of Fine Arts Literary Competition, Poetry, 1st Place
- 2005 Alabama School of Fine Arts Literary Competition, Creative Non-Fiction, 1st Place

Community Activities

Anna volunteers at a riding program for disabled children, an excellent counterpoint to her academically-focused school environment.

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