



**Davidson Fellow
Stephanie Chen**

(\$25,000 Scholarship Recipient)



Personal Info

Stephanie Chen

Age: 17

Austin, Texas

School, College and Career Plans

Entering her senior year at Westwood High School, Stephanie is continually being challenged by her studies in the International Baccalaureate program. Stephanie would like to pursue musical studies in college and play the piano professionally.

Davidson Fellows Submission *(Music)*

In her portfolio, "A Musical Painting," Stephanie is dedicated to making a difference in the world through music's power to unite. Capturing the audience's hearts and imagination, Stephanie explores each piece in her piano portfolio, by creating images in her mind then, in her performance, conveying this passion to the audience. She was named a Young Master by the Texas Commission on the Arts and in 2006 Stephanie won the 14th annual International Chopin Piano Competition.

Biography

Since her musical career began at the age of 6, Stephanie showed great interest and talent in the piano. Throughout the years, the desire to keep her pieces fresh and interesting has paved the way for a number of awards and accolades. This also has allowed her the opportunity to work with a multitude of world-famous performers and instructors. Stephanie's vision allows her to recognize the abstract value that music can provide.

According to Stephanie, her high school's International Baccalaureate program has played a role in shaping her as a person and given her a sense of independence by allowing her to question things and discover herself like never before.

Stephanie has remained active in her school's Student Council and is in the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta. She is a big fan of the Texas Longhorns.

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Honors/Awards

- 2006 Davidson Fellow
- 2006 Named Young Master by Texas Commission on the Arts
- 2006 International Frederick Chopin Piano Competition, 1st Place
- 2005 Kingsville International Isabel Scionti Piano Solo Competition, 3rd Place
- 2004 Missouri Southern International Piano Competition Semi-Finalist
- 2003 Texas Music Teacher's Association Performance Competition, 1st Place
- 2003 Baylor-Waco Piano Competition, 1st Place
- 1999 Austin Youth Symphony Award
- 1998 Pearl Amster Concerto Competition Winner

Community Activities

Stephanie is involved with a number of community service organizations including The National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta and the National French Honor Society

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