



**Davidson Fellow
Travis Johnson**

(\$10,000 Scholarship Recipient)



Personal Info

Travis Johnson
Age: 13
Milwaukie, Oregon

School, College and Career Plans

Travis is homeschooled and taught by private teachers outside the home. He studies music at Marylhurst University. Master guitar classes have played a large role in his life the past few years, and likely will play a role in his career ambitions – to become a classical guitarist.

Davidson Fellows Submission (*Music*)

Travis has been studying classical guitar since he was 8 and in his portfolio, “Trails of Hope: The Importance of Adding New Music to the Classical Repertoire,” he includes an original piece composed by a music professor specifically for him, titled *Boppin’*. Travis has performed at the Northwest Guitar Festival, and as a soloist with both the Portland Festival Symphony and Marylhurst Symphony. In 2005, Travis won the Guitar Foundation of America’s First Annual National Youth Solo Guitar Competition.

Biography

Travis comes from a very musical family, his brothers and sister all play instruments as well as his mother. Travis has tried the piano, ukulele and accordion but the classical guitar provides him the most satisfaction and creative flexibility.

Travis was interested in learning a modern work and ultimately commissioned the signature piece of his Davidson Fellows portfolio, *Boppin’*. Encouraged by his teacher to formulate a story to coincide with *Boppin’* – to feel the music more personally – a couple of unique ideas emerged, one of them based on Snoopy (from the Peanuts© comic strip). This story encouraged Travis during his performance and made him realize how important it is to bring art to life.

Travis has strong support from his mother and teacher, as he continues to grow to love the challenge and process of learning each new work. In his spare time, Travis enjoys drawing, badminton, swimming and spending time with friends.

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Honors/Awards

- 2006 Davidson Fellow
- 2006 Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship Recipient
- 2006 Parkening International Youth Solo Guitar Competition, Semi-Finalist
- 2006 Marylhurst University Performance
- 2006 Northwest Guitar Festival
- 2006 Children's Home Society Benefit Concert
- 2006 Invited to play on NPR's "From the Top"
- 2005 Guitar Foundation of America, National Youth Solo Guitar Competition,
- 1st Place
- 2005 Portland Festival Symphony Soloist
- 2005 Portland Guitar Society, Featured Performer
- 2004-2005 Portland Guitar Festival, Semi-Finalist
- 2004 Marylhurst Symphony Soloist
- 2004 Classical Radio Station's Young Talent Search Winner

Community Activities

Travis participated in a benefit concert for the Haitian Relief Fund in 2005 and Children's Home Society in 2005 and 2006.

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