



**Davidson Fellow
Christina Beasley**

(\$10,000 Scholarship Recipient)



Personal Info

Christina Beasley

Age: 17

Vienna, Virginia

School, College and Career Plans

Christina is a rising senior at the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. She is still considering her college choices and plans to major in English with a creative writing focus. Christina would like to work in a publishing house or edit a literary magazine.

Davidson Fellows Submission (*Literature*)

In her portfolio, "An Experiment in Free Speech," Christina explores the relationship between human perception and the experience of beauty. Comparing the perception of emotion through critical analysis of established literary works to her own creative writing experiences, Christina's compilation reveals the hidden beauty in everyday occurrences. Christina delves into the complexities of the human psyche and argues that one must connect emotion with rationality to understand how the human mind functions as a whole.

Biography

Christina feels that the lack of introspection and observance of beauty in experiences and objects is a serious issue. She believes that efficiency as a driving force in one's life propels people towards a life of apathy toward commonplace beauty.

In the fall, Christina will be taking an Advanced Placement Calculus course, a Geosystems course and participate in a fellowship with the Folger Shakespeare Theatre. She will also participate in an astronomy research lab. Christina will be studying radio transmissions received from celestial activity and researching potential causes for the signals. Her research will be submitted to an international scientific database. She will also work as an intern with the George Mason Digital History Department, as well as intern with the Earth Day Network in Washington, D.C.

Christina's other interests focus on the liberal arts, specifically history and English. She is on the executive committee of the student government association and performs in seven shows a year through her school's drama and Shakespeare troupe clubs. Christina also likes photography, playing guitar, dancing, choir and playing soccer.

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Honors/Awards

- 2007 Davidson Fellow
- 2007 Finalist in the University of Maine's Fourth Annual International Ultra-Short Contest
- 2007 Honorable Mention Gannon University Poetry Competition
- 2007 Honorable Mention Hollins University Poetry Competition
- 2006 Poetry Society of the United Kingdom Foyle Youth Commended Poet
- 2006 University of Southern Illinois Younkin-Rivera Prize for Young Poets
- 2006 Nora School Poetry Series Reader
- 2006 Published in Streetlight Magazine

Community Activities

Christina is poetry editor of her school's literary magazine and the yearbook themes editor. She is a mentor in her school's Big Sibling program and she enjoys giving back to her community.

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