



**Davidson Fellow
Michael Harwick**

(\$25,000 Scholarship Recipient)



Personal Info

Michael Harwick

Age: 17

Bridgewater, New Jersey

School, College and Career Plans

Michael is a recent graduate of Bridgewater-Raritan Regional High School and will attend Hamilton College where he plans to major in English with a Creative Writing concentration.

Michael hopes to become a high school English teacher or a college professor and a writer.

Davidson Fellows Submission (*Literature*)

In his portfolio, "Highways: The Road as Existence," Michael uses poetry, prose, and dialogue to illustrate relationships that tread the border between isolation and connection. Michael constantly surprises and entertains the reader with a strong and original narrative voice rich in symbolic and linguistic meaning. Through quick, sparse dialogue juxtaposed against lavish, illustrated, and unsettling descriptions of a highly visual world, Michael shows how little is actually said in a world full of noise.

Biography

Michael began his scholastic career in the Academically Independent program, and by high school he knew literature was his preferred field of study. In addition to taking many literature and writing courses, Michael has taken Advanced Placement classes in Psychology and Music Theory.

Michael has had the fortune of very interested teachers, and supportive friends and family in his literary endeavors. He hopes his writing is an accessible and honest text that accurately documents the American experience. Michael believes depth and magnitude is what makes fiction memorable and that the vividness of the characters and the relevance of their problems is what makes it worth reading.

When Michael is not writing he can usually be found doing something musical. He has been playing piano for 12 years and has performed at Steinway Hall in New York City. He was also the copy editor of his school's newspaper. Michael is a National Merit Finalist and a National Honor Society member.

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Honors/Awards

- 2007 Davidson Fellow
- 2007 Bridgewater-Raritan Regional High School English Departmental Award for Most Significant Work Over Four Years
- 2007 BRHS Vocal Departmental Award for Greatest Musicianship
- 2007 National Merit Finalist
- 2003-2007 *The Prowler* School Newspaper Editor-in-Chief, Copy Editor and Features Editor
- 2006 National Young Leaders Conference
- 2005-2007 National Honor Society
- 2005-2007 National French Honor Society
- 2005-2007 Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society
- 2003-2004 New Jersey All-State Honor Choir
- 2003-2007 Peer Mediation

Community Activities

Michael is the Vice President of the Somerset County Branch of People to People International. He is also a member of the New Jersey All-State Choir, Region II Honors Choir and a vocalist for his church.

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