



**Davidson Fellow**  
**Molly Hensley-Clancy**  
(\$10,000 Scholarship Recipient)



**Personal Info**

Molly Hensley-Clancy  
Age: 16  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**School, College and Career Plans**

A rising senior at South High School, Molly also attends classes at the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities and Macalester College. After graduation, she hopes to study English or Comparative Literature in college in preparation for a career as a novelist.

**Davidson Fellows Submission** (*Literature*)

Molly explores the primal human instinct of storytelling through the eyes and minds of young girls in her portfolio, "Seized as Beauty." Molly demonstrates that geographic and linguistic differences do not change the universality of dreams, thoughts and troubles. She believes that the more we notice the commonalities that bind us together as human beings, rather than the things that set us apart, the less we will be able to ignore those who are suffering among us.

**Biography**

Molly has been passionate about writing most of her life, beginning with dictating stories to her mother about fantasy worlds and illustrating them with crayon scribbles. She began to write in earnest when she received a computer at age seven, completing her first novel two years later, and a second at age 13. Since then, she has been experimenting with shorter fiction, including magical realism and historical fiction.

In addition to writing, Molly's other love is the Spanish language. She began studying Spanish in seventh grade and has since skipped three years of high school study, taking the AP Spanish Test as a sophomore. As a high school junior, Molly took a high-level Spanish oral expression class at Macalester College in St. Paul, and during her senior year will take Introduction to the Analysis of Hispanic Texts at Macalester, along with Creative Writing

Molly has also taken a college-level writing and modern literature course at the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities. She is an accomplished soccer player, serving as captain of her soccer club and playing on her high school's varsity team, and is the executive editor of her school newspaper.

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**Honors/Awards**

- 2008 Davidson Fellow
- 2008 National Silver Award for Personal Essay, Scholastic Art & Writing Awards
- 2007 Fourth place, State History Day, Group Performance, Dust Bowl Farmers
- 2007 All-State Silver Award for newspaper, Minnesota High School Press Association
- 2006 First place, National History Day, Group Performance, Newsboys' Strike of 1899
- 2006 Minnesota Labor History Prize, State History Day, Newsboys' Strike
- 2005 Second place, National History Day, Group Documentary, Stonewall Riots

**Community Activities**

Molly serves as a volunteer for Head Start's BOOST literary program, where she translates between teachers and Spanish-speaking parents and works with special-needs children in the classroom. She was a member of the Loft Center for Literary Arts' first teen advisory council, and volunteered at the Hermano Pedro Day School in Antigua, Guatemala.

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