



**Davidson Fellow Laureate  
Nicole Rhodes**

(\$50,000 Scholarship Recipient)



**Personal Info**

Age: 17

Vancouver, Washington

**School, College and Career Plans**

Nicole is a rising senior this fall at the Vancouver School of Arts and Academics. She plans to pursue her interest in writing both in college and throughout her life, while also studying linguistics.

**Davidson Fellows Submission (Literature)**

Nicole created her literary portfolio, *The Dictionary of Distance*, to explore different facets of distance in writing.

She considers the space between the author and the work, the distance between a piece's narrator and characters, and the space separating characters and other elements to determine how distance alters memory. Through this examination, Nicole is able to analyze the writing process, the writer's perspective and the final written product. Her portfolio includes a variety of forms, styles and subjects, united in this investigation.

**Biography**

As an arts student at the Vancouver School of Arts and Academics, an arts magnet school, Nicole has had the opportunity of studying various art forms both within and outside of her school's curriculum. She is particularly interested in the interaction between language and the brain, especially linguistics which merges her interests in mathematics and language. Nicole will continue her emphasis on the study of literary arts through her regular coursework, workshops and master classes.

Nicole hopes her writing could help set an example for other young writers looking for work of this nature. She believes that the contemporary and relevant themes she explores in her work will also be the themes that will define much of the art created by her generation.

Nicole holds a leadership role in her school's Mathletes team. In her spare time, Nicole enjoys watching black and white movies.

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**Honors/Awards**

- 2009 Davidson Fellow Laureate
- 2009 Nancy Thorp Poetry Contest Finalist
- 2009 American Association of University Women, Excellence in Mathematics
- 2009 Published in Seneca Review

**Community Activities**

Nicole volunteered through her high school's theater department to construct costumes for school plays. She helps plan and co-convene high school and junior high youth conferences through the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia. In 2008, Nicole attended the "Healing Our Planet Earth" environmental conference.

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