



**Davidson Fellow
Doreen Xu**

(\$25,000 Scholarship Recipient)



Personal Info

Age: 17
Indianapolis, Indiana

School, College and Career Plans

A rising senior at Baylor School, a boarding school in Chattanooga, Tenn. Doreen plans to attend college and hopes to pursue a career in economics and international business.

Davidson Fellows Submission (*Philosophy*)

In her portfolio, "The Roots of Evil," Doreen explores the foundation of evil. She delves into the human psyche to examine several distinct sources of evil, concluding that all human evil is caused by frustrated human desire. Doreen explores this newly defined dimension of evil with an enlightened perspective, fostering a new method of viewing evil. She hopes this will allow evil to be more effectively combated, leading to a more progressive and harmonious global society.

Biography

Born in China, Doreen lived in Quebec, Canada for most of her childhood and moved to the United States with her family when she was seven.

Doreen has always sought out the most rigorous curriculum to challenge herself, including taking Advanced Placement (AP) exams beginning her sophomore year. She also conducted an independent study in AP Economics which led her to found a business club that went on to finish second place in the state finals of the National Economics Challenge.

Doreen's Davidson Fellows portfolio was an outgrowth of curiosity and she pursued her ideas and research entirely by herself. Through this process she learned the importance of independent inquiry and seeking knowledge beyond the classroom.

Doreen participates in a variety of extracurricular activities at her school. She is the editor-in-chief of the yearbook and literary magazine, *Periaktoi*, and editor of the school newspaper. She is president of her school's Amnesty International chapter and committee head of the Peer Support Network, writing center tutor and dormitory prefect, and a member of both the Student Academic Council and CPIC curriculum subcommittee.

Doreen is a participant in Student Congress and was head delegate of the Belize delegation at Tennessee Model United Nations. Doreen swims on her school's varsity team and is also fluent in Chinese and Spanish.

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Honors/Awards

- 2009 Davidson Fellow
- 2009 National Merit Semifinalist
- 2009 National AP Scholar
- 2009 Cum Laude Society
- 2009 Baylor School Templeton Noble Purpose Scholarship recipient
- 2009 Baylor School's Rensselaer Medal, Most Outstanding Student of Science and Mathematics
- 2009 Future Business Leaders of America Business Communications, State Champion and National Qualifier
- 2009 National Economics Challenge Tennessee Finals, Second Place
- 2009 President's Volunteer Service Award
- 2008 Regional Veterans of Foreign Wars Voice of Democracy winner
- 2008 Young Naturalist Awards, National Finalist
- 2008 Dupont Challenge, Honorable Mention
- 2008 Daughters of the American Revolution Columbus Regional Award
- 2008 Advanced Placement Scholar with Honor
- 2006 Baylor School Distinguished Scholar
- 2006 National Spelling Bee, 30th place
- 2005 Duke Talent Identification Program, National Gold Medalist

Community Activities

Doreen works as an assistant librarian during the school year. In the community, she is a devoted volunteer, tutoring kids after school daily. She wrote and implemented an innovative grant, Exploracareer, to inspire inner-city youths to excel academically.

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