

**Davidson Fellow
Bonnie Nortz**

\$10,000 Scholarship Recipient



Personal Info

Age: 17

Fairport, New York

School, College and Career Plans

An incoming freshman at University of Rochester, Bonnie plans to major in English or mathematics. She is passionate about writing and hopes it will be part of her career path.

Davidson Fellows Submission: Literature

In her portfolio, *Run and Run and Run*, Bonnie explores relationships, identity, materialism, oppression and emotion, and covers topics as broad as tourism, grammar, dreams, cartography, winter and even pre-calculus. Her goal was to find the extraordinary in the mundane, the pure in the imperfect and to describe that moment of awakening when everything is just the way it should be. Bonnie hopes to teach others how to go through life with an everlasting energy and curiosity and to appreciate the fantastic emotional and intellectual complexity that comprises our human existence.

Biography

Bonnie has been in New York and Texas public schools her entire academic career. In elementary school she was often part of the enrichment program, in junior high she took Pre-Advanced Placement (AP) classes, and in high school she primarily took honors, AP and International Baccalaureate classes.

The title of Bonnie's portfolio, *Run and Run and Run*, comes from a short poem of hers that says, "I love the days when/ I can run and run and run/ and remember the world." Bonnie believes all writing and literature can teach others about one person's observations of the human condition and acquire an understanding of life in general. Though she strives for a deep understanding, Bonnie still had hurdles to face in putting her portfolio together, namely, the sheer volume. To fulfill the application requirements, Bonnie had to write a nonfiction piece, a process she found difficult but extremely rewarding.

Bonnie's other interests include reading, knitting, running, ice skating, juggling and playing the piano. In her senior year, she was editor in chief of her high school's literary magazine, *Dimensions*, in which she was published all four years of high school. She played soccer for her school and rowed for the Fairport crew team. Bonnie played the violin in her school's orchestra and the piano in the Junior Festival.

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- 2011 Davidson Fellow
- 2011 Prose for Sokol High School Literary Contest Third Place
- 2011 Topical Winner for the Live Poets Society of New Jersey's High School Poetry Contest
- 2011 Poetry for Sokol High School Literary Contest Second Place
- 2011 – 2008 High Honor Roll
- 2011 – 2009 Award for Academic Excellence
- 2010 Rotary Four-Way Test Speech Competition Club Level Third Place
- 2010 Chemistry Achievement Award
- 2008 Poet Laureate Award
- 2008 Olde English "F" Award

Community Activities

Bonnie is a volunteer at the Soup Kitchen at Christ Church and Church of the Assumption Car Park. She is also an usher at Life Teen Mass.