



## 2021 Davidson Fellows Scholarship Literature Requirements Checklist

**Deadline: March 10, 2021, 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time**

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The applicant must submit a 60- to 75-page portfolio displaying a number of literary styles and genres.

**☐ Portfolio Components:**

- A 60- to 75-page portfolio of work containing three of the following four genres:
  - Fiction
  - Nonfiction
  - Poetry
  - Drama or Screenplay
- Literacy Narrative

Please note:

- Each genre may be represented either by one piece or by several pieces, as long as three distinct genres are included. (For example, in the fiction genre, applicants may submit several short stories or one longer novel excerpt as well as pieces from two of the other genres.)
- The total portfolio (not including Attachments) should not be less than 60 pages or more than 75 pages.
- All portfolio pieces must have been written by the applicant and created or updated within three years from the time of submission.
- All pieces should be typed, in English in an 11 or 12 point standard font. Line spacing should be either 1.5 or double-spaced. Poetry may be single-spaced.
- Information on Literacy Narratives can be found [here](#) and [here](#). There is no page limit to the Literacy Narrative.

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**☐ Two Nominators Required**

Two individuals who are familiar with your work must each submit a Davidson Fellows Nominating Form. Family members/relatives may not serve as nominators.

Forms must be submitted directly by the nominator to the Davidson Institute on or before the submission deadline of March 10, 2021, 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time. Both nominators are required. Applications with missing Nominating Forms as of the March 10, 2021 deadline will be disqualified.

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## Attachments to the Davidson Fellows Application

Attachments are to be completed by the applicant.

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- ATTACHMENT ONE:** Process Essay (The word count or length is up to the applicant.)
- **Part One:** Please answer the following questions:
    - What inspired you to pursue this work?
    - How much time (hours/days/months) did it take you to complete this work?
    - How did you organize the work that went into doing it?
    - What difficulties did you encounter and how did you handle them?
  - **Part Two:** Please answer the following questions:
    - Where was the work completed?
    - Who supervised your work? (Give names, titles, addresses, e-mail, and phone numbers)
    - What help have you received in doing this work?
    - List who helped you and what assistance he/she provided. (Please include individuals who offered equipment, ideas, critiques, materials, methodology, etc.)
  - **Part Three:** Please tell us how Covid-19 has impacted your work. Be candid! It is important for the judging panel to know how the pandemic shutdown affected your work.
    - Did Covid-related closures impact your portfolio? If so, how did you adapt?
    - Did the pandemic affect your progress as a writer? If so, where do you think your craft would be at this point had there not been a pandemic?
    - Did Covid impact your portfolio in other ways?
    - Is there anything else you'd like us to know?
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**ATTACHMENT TWO:** Video Describing Work

Submit a maximum 10-minute, home-production quality video recording. You are encouraged to speak “from the heart” in your video, rather than reading directly from a script. The video is a chance to talk about a topic not addressed in the essays or to expand upon a point the essays touched on only briefly.

Suggestions for the structure of the video:

- In the first few minutes, you could briefly describe your submission summarizing why it was done, its significance, its benefit to society/social relevance and other details of your accomplishment.



- Continue by describing how you became interested in this project, how it evolved and how working on it has helped you develop your talents.
- Next, describe how your submission fits into the larger context of the field of study and describe the specific ideas/people/theories that influenced your work.
- Conclude your video with a brief description on how you think your work/talent could be applied/highlighted.

*Please note there are two submission options for this video. Option one is uploading your video (via any accepted format) to YouTube\* and uploading the link to the online application. Option two is uploading a .wmv file that is no more than 75MB directly to the online application.*

\*YouTube video upload instructions:

- Go to [www.YouTube.com](http://www.YouTube.com)
- Either create an account (it's free) or sign in
- Click "Upload" in the top menu bar and follow the directions [here](#), to make the video **UNLISTED**. (The Unlisted setting insures that your video will only be viewed by the Davidson Fellows Program and its judges, or anyone else you send the URL to.)
- Copy and paste the link to this video as Attachment Three.