
THE AFREEN AHMED MEMORIAL PRIZE

Afreen Ahmed, who passed away on January 25, 2019, was an incredible mother to a David Thompson student who graduated in 2010. She was an integral part of not only her daughter's ability to persevere to achieve a rewarding professional career despite challenging times, but also a regular fixture in the school's halls and in other students' lives. Afreen Ahmed was a school teacher in Pakistan. When she immigrated to Canada, she became a childcare giver, raising and enriching the lives of many children for over 20 years. She was an open-minded, resilient and determined woman and a loving and encouraging mother.

Afreen's daughter established an annual award of **\$2,000** in her mother's memory to be given to a female-identifying Grade 12 student who is entering post-secondary studies despite financial, physical, and/or personal barriers.

General Criteria:

- ❖ Be a female-identifying student¹ of David Thompson Secondary in Grade 12
- ❖ Have obtained entrance into a recognized post-secondary institution, college, or university
- ❖ Meet one or more of the following:
 - Overcome or currently facing personal or family adversity;
 - Demonstrated financial need; or
 - Overcome or currently facing physical or health barriers
- ❖ Meet one or more of the following:
 - Excelled academically, especially in the face of personal, family, financial or physical adversity; or
 - Had significant volunteer involvement, especially in the face of personal, family, financial, or physical adversity

Application:

- ❖ Complete the application form on P.2.
- ❖ Complete graduation requirements by June 30, 2025.
- ❖ Provide post-secondary admission documentation.
- ❖ Write a personal statement of a maximum of 1,500 words, demonstrating that the above criteria are met and outlining the student's post-secondary plans and any financial need.
- ❖ Provide report cards or transcripts showing grades.
- ❖ Provide up to 2 letters of reference from teachers, volunteering or any other community members.

Submit the application form, personal statement, and all supporting documentation to sania.ahmed@alumni.ubc.ca by April 17, 2025.

If no suitable application is received, no award will be made.

¹ This award is for all female-identifying students, including cis and trans females, and non-binary people comfortable in a space that centres on the experiences of women and girls.

APPLICATION FORM FOR AFREEN AHMED MEMORIAL PRIZE

Surname: _____

Given Names: _____

Gender: _____

Current Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Anticipated Date of Secondary School Graduation: _____

Post-Secondary School of Choice: _____

Average Percentage of Grades for Grade 11 and 12: _____

Volunteer Activities: _____

Other Achievements: _____

I certify that:

- ❖ I am a registered Grade 12 student at David Thompson Secondary School in Vancouver, BC.
- ❖ I will fulfill the requirements for secondary school graduation of June 30, 2025.
- ❖ I have obtained admission or early admission into a post-secondary program.
- ❖ The information I have provided is correct.

Date: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Please email this form, together with your personal statement and supporting documentation such as letters of reference, post-secondary admission documents, and/or report cards or transcripts, to sania.ahmed@alumni.ubc.ca by April 17, 2025.