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# THE AFREEN AHMED MEMORIAL PRIZE

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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 student<sup>1</sup> 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, 2026.
- ❖ 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](mailto:sania.ahmed@alumni.ubc.ca) by April 16, 2026.**

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

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

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## APPLICATION FORM FOR AFREEN AHMED MEMORIAL PRIZE

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Other Achievements: \_\_\_\_\_

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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, 2026.
- ❖ 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](mailto:sania.ahmed@alumni.ubc.ca) by April 16, 2026.*