Meena Vashee Endowed Scholarship
$2,000

The Meena Vashee Endowed Scholarship was established by Ms. Meena Vashee and is administered by the University of Washington (UW) Women’s Center. The scholarship was created to assist undergraduate students who are the survivors of domestic violence, or are the children of survivors, pursue their undergraduate education at the UW.

Eligibility Criteria
- Must be entering into or currently enrolled as an undergraduate at the University of Washington
- Must be a survivor of domestic violence, or the child of a survivor
- Must be committed to furthering intellectual and community growth
- Must be in good academic standing

Required Attachments
- Completed application form
- Unofficial transcript
- Essay answers for Questions 1 and 2 (3, optional)
- Verifiable documentation supporting status as a survivor of domestic violence (see section I)

Deadline and Submission
Scholarships must be submitted by March 27th, 2017. Incomplete applications or applications postmarked after the deadline will not be considered.

Please send or drop off applications and required materials to:

Meena Vashee Endowed Scholarship
C/O UW Women's Center
Box 353070
4101 George Washington Lane
Seattle, WA 98195

Emailed applications must be compiled as one PDF and send to jwhite@uw.edu with the subject: Meena Vashee Scholarship Application (date) (your name)

*Verifiable documentation supporting status as a survivor of domestic violence may be sent separately if needed.
2017/2018 Meena Vashee Endowed Scholarship Application for Undergraduates

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name:  
First Name:  
Middle Initial:  
Mailing Address:  
City, State, Zip Code:  
UW Student Number:  
Email Address:  
Major or area of academic interest:  
Anticipated academic standing as of September 2017 (i.e. freshman, sophomore, junior, senior):  
Cumulative GPA:  

PERMISSION TO RELEASE SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

In administering scholarships, the Women’s Center provides applicant information to the scholarship review committee. This information may include academic records, financial need calculations, and other personal information. We share information to aid in the selection of recipients, monitor student eligibility, and to inform supports about those benefiting from their gifts to the University of Washington Women’s Center. All identifying information of the recipient and applicants will be kept confidential unless agreements are made otherwise between the Women’s Center and the applicant.

**SCHOLARSHIP RELEASE: (This must be signed to be considered for scholarship)**

I consent to the release of pertinent information to University of Washington benefactors, their representatives, and selection committees for the purpose of notification, selection, awarding, and monitoring scholarship eligibility. I also understand that scholarship awards may be adjusted or canceled based on changes in financial need or eligibility criteria.

Signature:  
Date:
SECTION I. SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS GUIDELINES

The Meena Vashee scholarship provides assistance to undergraduate students who are survivors of domestic violence or are the children of domestic violence survivors.

The application will be reviewed through a holistic lens. Academic achievement, financial need, and passion for one's intellectual and community growth into account. The University's Office of Student Financial Aid will determine financial need.

Failure to remain in good academic standing or failure to make satisfactory progress towards a degree may result in withdrawal of the scholarship.

Candidates for the scholarship must provide an unofficial transcript in application packet.

Candidate for the scholarship must also provide some form of independent and verifiable documentation supporting that they are a survivor of domestic violence or the child of such survivor(s). We understand documentation may vary depending on individual circumstances -- examples include, but are not limited to statement/confirmation from counselor, teacher, health care provider, caseworker, and/or police or court records.

If you have any questions regarding qualifying documentation, please contact the Women's Center at womens@uw.edu or (206) 685-1090. All documentation will be held in strict confidence.

List document(s) attached below:

1.
2.
3.

Other:
SECTION 2. ESSAY QUESTIONS

The Women's Center's mission is to create a more inclusive and compassionate society by promoting gender equity and social justice through educational programs and services that allow all participants to succeed in life. We recognize that the trauma and outcomes experienced from domestic violence can adversely affect many areas of one's life. The objective of the Meena Vashee Scholarship is to provide a current or incoming undergraduate student at the University of Washington who is a survivor of domestic abuse, or child of a survivor with support to alleviate some of the financial strain of higher education. Scholarship funds may be used to cover all or part of tuition, books, fees, and other education expenses.

**Question 1.** Describe a societal problem you would like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma – anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and how you would identify a solution or resolve the problem (500 words).

**Question 2:** Please describe any academic achievements, extracurricular activities, or examples of leadership of which you are proud and why (250 words).

**Question 3 (optional):** Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent not captured in the previous questions that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story. (250 words).