**Our families and communities often define us and our individual worlds.  Community might refer to your cultural group, extended family, religious group, neighborhood or school, sports team or club, co-workers, etc.  Describe the world you come from and how you, as a product of it, might add to the diversity of the University of Washington.**

Our families and communities definitely define and shape our worlds. The culture and environment you are growing also shapes your world. I belong to country where culture is deeply embedded our lives. India’s culture is often labeled as the amalgamation of several cultures. My country’s customs and practices are the result of its glorious history. Elements of India’s culture have had a great impact across the globe.

I’m a part of the society, where I coexist with people who speak different languages, are of different races. I went to a school where all my friends are from different regions of India, they speak different languages, have different traditions and practices, have variety of food cuisines of course, festivals they celebrate. Growing up extremely fun because I celebrated my living with this vibrant culture palate. These small things made me feel as if I am from a cosmopolitan hub. These diverse things opened my eyes to the fact that I was not alone in the world. However, in India people rather give dowry to son-in-law, than getting a girl child educated. I have seen this in my family itself. My grandmother was denied basic education since she was a female. But she never gave up and fought for her rights. She had played an important role of what I’m today. My mother and my aunt, though had a supportive parents, had to fight against the society. Now when I look back I understand, what I’m trying to do, studying abroad, Is a milestone for our family. At a young age I would be testing the waters of the world which no one in my family could do.

I’m coming from a place where there different people. And these different people made me see the world in different way. I’m influenced by not only my traditions, but also traditions, followed by people around me. The world I came from is mixture of worlds of people around me. Coming from such place where I can coexist with divergent people, made me believe that I can add to the cultural diversity of the University of Washington.