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UW short response

*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.*

I came from a typical Asian family, and my parents never attended schools abroad. They are like most Asian parents because they care about my reputation a lot. Under their expectations, I need to get good grades, have good manners and become successful. Before attending American School, I was studying in a Taiwanese local school which trains student like the military. They usually did not allow us to make any mistakes and wanted us to act as a machine which could complete tasks rapidly and accurately. Before the age of 16, I was influenced a lot by my local culture which shaped me into the characteristic of careful, efficient, and organized.

After transferring to American School, teachers usually encouraged us to come up with our own unique ideas and opinions. Moreover, they usually gave us a lot of chances and required us to make our own decisions. Additionally, we not only made our own decision, but we also needed accept the consequences of our own decision. These trainings add the characteristic of independent and creative to myself and turned me into a more diverse person who owned both Western and Asian thinking process.

Being educated under different cultures' education system turned me into a person who is efficient, careful, creative and independent. Moreover, it allows me to think of an event in different ways. I believe that my combination of two cultures will add to the diversity of the University of Washington by sharing different points of view with my peers.