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### Overcoming Fear of Rejection

A crowded student hall cheered for the performers on stage as their play ended, and my shaky hands held on to the camera that filmed the event for its dear life, trying not to shatter the lens as my nervousness reached its peak. But, in that epitome of anxiety I felt, chills shivered down my spine from the thrill of it all. Watching the recorded performance on my camera lit a bulb in my brain, making me realize that this is what I want to do and putting my fear of rejection past me.

From an early age, watching films and tv series wasn't the solely entertaining part for me but looking up videos on behind the scene techniques that execute such vivacious scenes and exploring all the theories that back it triggered my interest. From dissecting the angles and lighting in the settings to identifying characters breaking the fourth wall, my curiosity for cinematography rose to the extent that I wanted to pursue it as my career. But in a tech-driven world, it hadn't been the easiest task to convince my suburban family of the seriousness of this interest.

Overcoming this fear of rejection in pursuing filming has been like getting blood from a stone. Still, I decided to opt for multiple projects, including school projects, to improve myself. When I got selected to film the performance for my school mentioned earlier, it ignited my interest even more. It made me acknowledge my filming skills and the fulfillment it gave me to create an expressive piece of art. I no longer wanted to avoid pursuing filmmaking as my profession.

I choose UCLA film school because I hope the excellent faculty here will polish my filming skills so I can pursue filming. I believe your institution will provide me with the theoretical

and technical skills I need to excel in my professional career within the film industry. Moreover, enrolling in a film school will encourage me to accept filming as my forte, and I can learn lots from my teachers and peers. I believe doing what you are passionate about for your profession keeps you satisfied and continually pushes you to go forward in your field. The faculty at UCLA will benefit me most practically as it has some of the best filmmakers in the industry. The prospect of joining UCLA is absolutely thrilling, and I anticipate it will be fulfilled soon.