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Lynn Cornfoot - Interview

Cornfoot: One of my favorite things to do was to go through my parents' closets because there was all this new and exciting stuff in there that I had never seen because it was all boxed up.

Once I found the camera, I took it to my dad and asked him what it was and he, you know, he, he told me that it was a Super 8 film camera and, uh, this is how you use it. And we went out to, uh, you know, the local pharmacy and bought the cartridges that go into it. And I started shooting little films around the house.

I wanted to do, you know, bigger and better things with film. I was all about the film, you know. So that's why I wanted to go to, uh, USC and, and study film-making. And that's what I did. And I ended up with a couple of very good films.

Well, once I got out of college, I was trying to pay back my student loans, so I ended up getting a job over at the South Carolina Bar in their video department. And we would broadcast statewide, um, continuing legal education courses, which basically means that lawyers were taking courses so that they could practice law in South Carolina. The South Carolina Bar was pretty much a temporary, um, job for me, and I did that and I moved on.

And, and, uh, once I left there, I decided to go freelance. And freelance I went for approximately 10 years. I did everything from being a production assistant, to a grip, to an assistant camera person, to a production coordinator. I mean, you name it, I've done it.

If you want to go into this field, I would tell you that you just need to do it. Um, a lot of people go to school, and that's fine. If you have the money, go to school, learn the basics. If you don't have money, call up somebody. Try to find a mentor. Try to, you know, put in your free time. Like I said, I put in tons of free time—more free time than I am just willing to think about, honestly. But, you know, it worked for me, and I did go to school...so I did both. Um, but there's always a way. There's always a way. You just have to take that opportunity or make that opportunity, and, you know, you'll get there. Just, just show other people that you're enthusiastic about it, and they will see that enthusiasm and they'll be more than willing to help.

End of video.



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