

# Rise Above Adversity Contest

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Lots of people have big dreams and ambitions. Some say certain dreams can't become reality. I say, forget them! Do what you want to do. Dream bigger than them. Choose your thoughts over someone else's. As a matter of fact, I have my own dreams.

Now, before I start, I want you all to know you can do anything. For example, women wanted to be in the air force. Soon, they were, but it was not just luck, it also took lots of dreaming. People who play football had to work hard to get to where they are now. You can dream big, too. Trust me, there are a lot of things you can do.

My goal in life is to become a cartoonist. I don't really know when this interest occurred, but I know it did. I draw all the time, and I really enjoy it. I like to draw other characters, my own characters, and even other peoples characters, but with my own drawn details added. It does take a lot of work though.

Deciding careers is another thing. Think, what do you like to do? Some like to play sports. Maybe you like to play and write music. I like to draw, so I looked up some jobs that require drawing skill, and one of them was cartoonist. I decided to dedicate my free time to practicing my drawing skills.

Again, I have mentioned that it takes a lot to achieve your goals. You have to dedicate yourself and be okay with working hard. You definitely also need to know WHY you want to do what you want to do. Lets say you want to be an engineer. Think about what part of that career you like and why you like it. That's how I got started.

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I like cartooning because I like to draw. I like to draw because I like creating my own characters. That is why I want to be a cartoonist. I hope you get to do what you want to do, too. Also, don't let people judge you. Be yourself forever, people.