I’m starting Lambda School because I’m hoping it would be able to help change my life. I actually attended another Web Development bootcamp before, which was l2 weeks long. It boasted a 99% job placement, promised mock interviews and a career help after graduating. I learned that their job placement didn’t include people that didn’t get a job only near the end of graduation. There was only one mock interview and career help was pretty much non-existent. The ones who ended up with a job afterwards already had some kind of coding experience prior to starting the bootcamp including a former Data Scientist. Instructor just told me to apply to many jobs as possible and I’ll eventually land one, which couldn’t be farther from the truth. I failed to get any job interviews. I did get some interviews with recruiters, but nothing past it. I just ended up unemployed with a huge debt from that bootcamp tuition. That’s when I began to think it was impossible for me to get a coding job and ended up working at a call center. I felt hopeless. I went from dreaming about becoming a successful web developer and listening to angry customer complaints for wage barely above the minimum in just months.

Because of my previous coding bootcamp experience, I did not dare to think about attending another bootcamp until I discovered Lambda. The 9 months duration of the program was one of the reasons that got me interested in the program. Maybe it wasn’t that I was incompetent, it was just that 12 weeks was just not enough time to transform someone into a good developer. Flex allows you to go back and learn again until you’re ready to move on, which is also another positive aspect of the program. Of course I would not want to fall behind and try my best to graduate on time, but the whole concept of flex is an assurance of the fact that Lambda actually cares about helping students get a job. The ISA was the ultimate factor that I decided to apply to Lambda. With a loan debt from my previous bootcamp, I couldn’t afford another loan to go to a bootcamp. With the ISA, not only do I not end up with another debt, it pretty much meant that if I don’t succeed, Lambda doesn’t succeed. I will give my all to become a successful web developer this time. I don’t have a specific type of field or company that I would like to work at yet. I imagine my future self as a successful web developer making salary above $50,000, have paid out all my debts, help my parents financially, and become confident in all aspects of life.