

Portraits with Prime Lens

Since the beginning of this year, I have been experimenting with photography. From landscapes to portraits, I have grown to love capturing moments in a single frame. Currently, I own a zoom lens (20-70mm), which has been great for my film projects, as it allows me to work in fast-paced environments. I have used this lens for portrait photography, but there are a couple of things I dislike about it. First, zoom lenses often produce images that are not as clear or sharp. Typically, prime lenses are favored in photography because they provide clearer and sharper images. This is because light does not have to travel through multiple elements like zoom lenses. Second, I found that the compression of the background felt somewhat lacking, even when I took the picture at 70mm.

Over the summer, I had the opportunity to borrow two prime lenses (50mm and 85mm) from my friend and tried them out. I liked both lenses, but I especially favored the 85mm due to its clarity and the right amount of compression. The subject's face was beautifully highlighted with a blurred background, and there was no distortion from the lens.

I would like to request this minigrant to purchase an 85mm lens. This investment will help me hone my photography skills and is essential for my film career. For my outcome report, I will attach a few portraits taken with the 85mm lens.

Budget:

Name	Cost (without tax)
Sony FE 85mm f/1.8 Lens	\$548.00
Total	\$577.04 (with tax)