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Dear Hiring Manager,

I am writing to express my earnest interest in the opportunity to contribute my skills in your company. As a passionate young technologist from Zimbabwe with experience in software development, UX/UI design, and inclusive innovation, I am eager to contribute, learn, and immerse myself in an advanced environment where I can sharpen my skills and grow through mentorship and collaboration.

I currently work as a Full-Stack Developer at both Lioncap Ventures and Avalon Health, where I build real-world solutions for finance and healthcare systems. In parallel, I've developed over 15 web platforms that center user needs — most notably AccessPal, an AI-powered accessibility tool designed to support visually impaired users and underserved language groups. This project was recognized at the 2025 JCI Africa & Middle East Conference, where I was selected as a finalist in the Creative Young Entrepreneur competition.

What drives me is a deep belief in technology as a tool for equity. My journey began with Uncommon.org, a nonprofit training young Zimbabweans in tech. Through this experience, I learned how access to digital skills can be life-changing — and it made me hungry to keep learning, particularly in the fields of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning. I am determined to go the extra mile, I am willing to gain hands-on experience in a space where cutting-edge innovation happens every day.

Beyond my technical skills, I bring grit, humility, and a deep desire to grow. I thrive in collaborative environments, adapt quickly, and am eager to contribute to any project where I can offer support and learn in return.

I would be incredibly grateful for the chance to work with your team. I am happy to provide my portfolio, and recommendation letters from my current employers and mentors, including the founder of Uncommon.org and the President of JCI Zimbabwe.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the possibility of contributing to and learning from your work.

Warm regards,
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👤 PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Full-Stack Developer and UX/UI Designer with experience building multiple user-focused web apps across health, finance, and accessibility. Finalist in the 2025 JCI Creative Young Entrepreneur program for founding AccessPal. Passionate about AI, ML, inclusive tech, and creating impactful digital solutions.

💼 WORK EXPERIENCE

Full-Stack Developer — *Lioncap Ventures*
Remote | 2024 – Present
- Build and maintain scalable web applications for fintech and startup ventures.
- Collaborate with product teams to enhance user experience and system performance.

Web Developer (Contract) — *Avalon Health*
Remote | 2024 – Present
- Develop secure, responsive healthcare platforms aligned with medical privacy standards.
- Work directly with stakeholders to deploy tech solutions in health diagnostics and data visualization.

Founder & Product Lead — *AccessPal*
Harare, Zimbabwe | 2024 – Present
- Designed and launched an accessibility-focused digital platform built with React.
- Led the project to national recognition and became a finalist in JCI's 2025 Creative Young Entrepreneur competition.

Freelance Web Developer & Designer — *Self-Employed*
Remote | 2022 – Present
- Delivered 15+ custom websites and applications across industries including consulting, travel, and education.
- Highlight Projects:
  - July28: B2B e-commerce site with full inventory and payments integration.
  - Destinations No Deadlines: Travel website with user-friendly booking UX and mobile responsiveness.

📖 EDUCATION

Full-Stack Web Development & UX/UI Design
Uncommon.org | Harare, Zimbabwe | 2023
- Built real-world web applications during hands-on training and startup immersion.

National Certificate in Graphic Design
Harare Polytechnic | Harare, Zimbabwe | 2019
- Studied design principles, branding, layout, and Adobe software.

📁 PROJECTS

Github.com
https://github.com/Balicholo

Portfolio website
https://wisdombalicholo.vercel.app/

Graphic Design Portfolio
Download PDF

SKILLS

Professional
- **Tech & Design:** React, JavaScript, HTML, CSS, Node.js, Tailwind CSS, Python
- **Creative Tools:** Figma, Adobe Suite, Canva, CorelDraw
- **Platforms & DevOps:** Git & GitHub, Firebase, MongoDB, Vercel, Netlify
- **Leadership & Collaboration:** Youth Advocacy, Project Leadership, Cross-cultural Communication, Team Collaboration, Public Speaking
- **Social Impact Skills:** Human-Centered Design, Digital Accessibility, Community Engagement, Problem-Solving

Soft skills
- **Youth Advocacy** – Championing youth-led solutions and amplifying underrepresented voices
- **Leadership** – Initiating and guiding impactful projects with purpose and vision
- **Empathy** – Understanding diverse experiences and designing inclusive solutions
- **Public Speaking** – Confidently presenting ideas at events and panels (e.g. JCI AMEC pitch)
- **Cross-cultural Communication** – Collaborating with peers from different countries and backgrounds
- **Problem-Solving** – Applying critical thinking to real-world challenges
- **Collaboration & Teamwork** – Working effectively with interdisciplinary and international teams
- **Creativity** – Using design and tech to creatively address community needs
- **Adaptability** – Thriving in dynamic environments and learning continuously
- **Digital Literacy** – Leveraging tech tools for outreach, storytelling, and impact

Area of Expertise

- Web Design & Development – Creating inclusive, accessible platforms that serve community needs
- Graphic Design – Crafting compelling visual content to support awareness and advocacy
- UX/UI Design – Designing user-centered digital experiences that empower diverse users
- Content Creation & Digital Marketing – Amplifying youth voices and social causes through storytelling and strategic media

CERTIFICATIONS & AWARDS

- Winner, JCI Creative Young Entrepreneur Zimbabwe, 2025
- Finalist, JCI Africa & Middle East Creative Young Entrepreneur Competition, 2025
- Certified Software Engineer
- Certified Graphic Designer
- 3rd Place, Entrepreneurship Demo Competition

LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEERING

- Tech Mentor — Local Startup Incubator
- Guided aspiring entrepreneurs and developers, providing technical advice and support to help launch innovative digital solutions.
- Contributed to strategy and events that promote technology-driven community development and youth empowerment.