Profile

Personal information

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Share different name	No
Birthdate	09/01/2005

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Demographics

Gender Identity	Male
Sex	Male
Pronouns	He/Him
Military status	None

Language

English	Speak, Read, Write
Rwanda, Kinyarwanda	First Language, Speak, Read, Write, Spoken at Home

Geography and nationality

Citizenship status	Citizen of non-U.S. country
Birthplace	Kigali City, Rwanda 0 years US
Other citizenships	Rwanda
Current US Visa	None
Intended US Visa	F-1 Student

Common App fee waiver

Fee waiver requested   Yes, Signed: Gabiro Ndihano Arnauld

Family

Household

Parents	Divorced 2010
Home	Parent 1

Parent 1

Father

Name	Mrs. Any Chantal MUNYANTORE
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Occupation	Business (clerical), Self-Employed
Education	Graduated from college/university Bachelors (2008), KIGALI INDEPENDENT UNIVERSITY, 87 KG 14 Ave, 87 KG 14 Ave, Gisozi, Ville de Kigal, Rwanda

Parent 2

Father

Name	Mr. ANICET NDIHANO
Email, Phone	anybourgeois22@gmail.com, +250.738564186, Mobile
Occupation	Engineer, Employed, ANJIA RWANDA
Education	Graduated from college/university Bachelors (1993), GABIRO ARNAUD, Kicukiro, Kigali, Rwanda, Kigali, Kigali City, Rwanda

Siblings

Armand Massa NDIHANO, Age 15

Carmen RWABUHUNGU, Age 6

Education

Current or most recent secondary school

Petit Seminaire Saint Vincent Kigali, 25XC+PQF, Kigali, Kigali City, Kigali, Rwanda, Religious (01/2017 - 08/2023)

Boarding school	Yes: Living at school
Progression	No change in progression
Graduation Date	08/2023

Colleges & universities

School	Harvard College, 86 Brattle St, Cambridge, MA, USA, CEEB: 3434 Credit awarded directly by college (07/2022 - 08/2022)
	Columbia University, 1130 Amsterdam Ave, New York, NY, USA, CEEB: 2116 Credit awarded directly by college (07/2021 - 08/2021)

Grades

Rank	2 / 26, Unweighted
GPA	80 / 100, Weighted

Current or most recent year courses

First semester	**Second semester**
PHYS - Advanced Physics - (ADV)	PHYS - Advanced Physics - (ADV)
CHEM - Advanced Chemistry - (ADV)	CHEM - Advanced Chemistry - (ADV)
MATH - Advanced Mathematics - (ADV)	MATH - Advanced Mathematics - (ADV)
LANG - Latin - (REG)	LANG - Latin - (REG)
TRIG - Introduction to Trigonometry - (REG)	TRIG - Introduction to Trigonometry - (REG)

Future plans

Computer programmer or analyst, Bachelors

Testing

Leaving Exams

Sciences   60/60   07/2023, Actual, Rwanda Education Board

Activities

Religious

9, 10, 11, 12
School
2 hr/wk, 36 wk/yr

Serving Secretary for 2 years., Legio Mariae catholic movement
Legio Mariae is latin for the "soldiers of Mary" and is a catholic movement of Christians who preach the gospel and engage in humanitarian activities.

Computer/Technology

11, 12
School, Break
10 hr/wk, 36 wk/yr
Continue

Software Developer, Petit Seminaire St. Vincent
I was a software developer for my school's website and also developed an e-learning portal to allow students to access exercises online.

Internship

PG
Break
40 hr/wk, 5 wk/yr
Continue

Junior Developer, ABC Consultants Ltd.
After high school, I got an internship at ABC where I was charged with automating the process of recording financial records using software.

Writing

Personal essay

Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.

Challenge. I've been accustomed to that word. Growing up, I found myself in a very challenging society where in order to survive, you had to give it all you had. With just 2 siblings to whom I'm the eldest, I've always been considered the go-to for advice and guide.

I found my passion for technology at a young age as I was the call guy when the TV wouldn't turn on or when the remote controller was not working. My mom would be like "Arnauld, I think the remote is broken again!" and turns out that one of the small batteries had been placed upside down. Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, I got exposed to programming when I enrolled in a freecodecamp course.

For me, programming meant that I could literally create anything within the limits of my imagination and engineer solutions to many problems in my society and I did. I recently created a bus tracking app to help

Rwandan citizens know which buses are headed to their destination and how far they are because in the past it was hard to find a bus and delays made this situation worse.

 Fast forward 3 years and I had pretty much used the internet to teach myself to code and something intrigued me, I wondered what our school's website looked like and to my disappointment, the website had been down for a while due to some technical issues, and I wondered if I could ask our school's director of studies who was also in charge of the website to fix it. Of course he didn't think that I would be able to fix it, so at first he refused but I persisted because I know that when something is worth doing even if nobody is doing it, I go for it. So after a while, I remember that we were finishing our second term, he finally agreed to let me fix it and he gave me its source code. I was Soo excited but also nervous because of how the project was huge. I worked on it during the holidays and oh was it a challenge! it was written in a code base I was not yet familiar with but I was flexible enough to learn it and I had finished re-programming it by the time the third term began and everyone including our head priest was amazed at what I had done.

I was lucky that I found what I liked doing with my life and that was using technology to help solve countless problems in my society. Back in high school, I did a three-subject curriculum as per our country's education system; high school students are required to pick at least three core subjects plus other additional subjects like Linguistics and Arts. I did Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics and oh boy was it a challenge. Physics was my favorite as it allowed me to understand physical phenomena and my curiosity didn't stop in just computers, I also found myself reading advanced concepts in physics like dark matter and Quasars which sparked my curiosity even more.

My curiosity and my willingness to learn and the patience that goes with learning new things helped me achieve a lot in my life, be it fixing the TV at our house, creating websites to help businesses get ahead with technology and reaching new horizons by challenging myself to learn

and work on projects bigger than myself and allowing myself to be led by my curiosity. My family has always supported me and having taught myself how to code, I've never been more ready to pursue my passion for computers in the near future, I hope that this will be challenging enough to help me grow. My name is Gabiro Ndihano Arnauld and I'm a self-taught software developer and computer enthusiast who believes in the power of technology in changing the world.

Education progression

Details

Education progression details   No change in progression

Harvard University questions

General

Preferred start term	Fall 2024
Admission plan	Regular Decision
Preferred residence	On Campus
Financial aid	Yes
Do you intend to submit supplementary materials?	Yes
Consider testing?	I would like my application considered without SAT or ACT scores

Academics

Field of study 1	Computer Science
Field of Study 2	Economics
On a scale of 1 (absolutely certain) to 5 (very likely to change), how definite do you consider your academic plans to be?	3
On a scale of 1 (absolutely certain) to 5 (very likely to change), how definite do you consider your vocational plans to be?	3
On a scale of 1 (absolutely certain) to 5 (very likely to change), how definite are your extracurricular and/or athletic interests?	2
Are you applying for a program with the New England Conservatory?	No
Are you applying for a program with Berklee College of Music?	No

Activities

Activity 1	Community Service
Intended level of participation (sports)	Club/Intramural/Recreational
Activity 2	Religious Groups
Intended level of participation (sports)	Club/Intramural/Recreational
Activity 3	Lacrosse
Intended level of participation (sports)	Club/Intramural/Recreational

Contacts

Have you previously applied to Harvard?	No
How have you learned about Harvard?	Website
Additional contact	Email
Contact Consent	Yes, I consent to be contacted by Harvard University at the mobile phone number provided below.
Phone Number	+250.781255340

Family

Parent different address	No
Is parent 1 living?	Yes
Parent 1 Occupation	Business owner or proprietor
Parent 1 Employment status	Self-Employed
Is parent 2 living?	Yes
Parent 2 Occupation	Engineer
Parent 2 Employment status	Employed
Parent 2 Position/Title	Mechanical Engineer
Parent 2 Current employer	Angia Rwanda
Number of siblings	2
Sibling 1 Education level	Some high/secondary school

Sibling 2 Education level   Some grade/primary school

Other Information

Please list the cities, states and countries where you have lived, with years of residence.   Kigali City, Rwanda

Additional location and date if applicable   1/9/2005 - Present

Have you ever been found responsible for a disciplinary violation at any educational institution?   No

Have you ever been convicted of, or pled guilty or no contest to, any felony or misdemeanor?   No

U.S. Military Veterans

U.S. Armed Forces   No

Short Answers

Life experiences / contribute to Harvard

I believe that diversity allows individuals to share their skills and knowhow and through cooperation, they can become something bigger than each of them. Everyone has had unique abilities and experiences that have shaped them throughout their life. I spent my childhood teaching myself to code and reading a lot of books and most of my teenage years were spent starting multiple business ventures as a response to some problems in my society. for example, I started a company aimed at developing software like websites for small and medium-sized businesses in my community to enable them to have an online presence. It wasn't a huge hit, but I managed to sign on some clients and this taught me that hard work works and also the willingness to learn and grow is a necessity if you want to be a changemaker. I believe that my skills, knowledge and my willingness to learn will be an important gem to the Harvard community.

Intellectual experience

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, I had a crazy idea of developing a vaccine for it, like I saw people

suffering and wanted to do something about it. I didn't know anything about vaccines back then so I had to do a lot of research and reading to learn how they work. So I convinced one of my friends to help me ask for the permission to use our school's computer lab in the name of "research". This got me into the world of biotech and advanced medicine, I learnt a lot about DNA sequencing and the use of mRNA to program vaccines, I also got an opportunity to learn more about CRISPR technology and did I learn a lot! after some weeks of research and reading, I realized that making a vaccine is a very complex process so I decided to focus more on my classes but the experience sparked my interests into the world of biotechnology and Biotherapeutics. It all started with an idea and that idea led me into a journey of learning and discovering and of course appreciating the development of modern medicine.

EC/employment/travel/family experiences

When I'm not skimming through books or writing code, I find interest in designing, particularly UI designing. This artistic endeavor has trained my mind to look at things beyond their physical appearance and try to decipher their hidden meaning, it has allowed me to understand how well crafted designs communicate an idea and not just an appearance. Designing allows me to get creative and learn to channel my thoughts into a good-looking design, it allows me to transfer my imaginations into layouts and emotions through colors. Whenever I want to communicate an idea or share my imaginations, I design.

Education plans

I hope to be challenged enough for me to grow, because I believe that without a challenge, one can not grow. I hope to find the journey challenging, interesting and rich in knowledge that will empower me to be a changemaker. I recognize that if I want to make an impact in the world like solving some of the most depressing problems of our modern society like food shortage and climate change; I will need to gain enough knowledge and work with the right people. I hope to apply my education for the betterment of human society and do things the Harvard way, that is with honor, responsibility and with extreme intelligence.

Roommate intro

I'd like my roommates to prepare for a very vibrant individual who is very curious and caring.

Affirmations

By submitting this application, I affirm my understanding of and agreement to the statements found here: http://www.commonapp.org/affirmations.