I am applying for financial aid because I am currently unemployed. I have been trying to apply to various jobs relating to Python and SQL however, I am being rejected with the lack of proof of proficiency with SQL. I previously enrolled in this course however I wasn't able to complete it within the limited time period because I became pre-occupied with making money to make ends meet. Much as I want to pay to be able to access the course and gain the certificate, being unemployed hinders me from doing so. I have little savings which is just enough to support me to my basic needs. I really cannot afford to pay right now. The financial aid would surely help me in such a way that I would be able to complete the course without further diminishing my savings. Should I be given a chance to have the financial aid, I will make sure that I will be finishing it this time around.

As mentioned, I’ve been trying to apply to jobs which require some proficiency in Python and SQL. I tried showing them that I was enrolled and gained certificate on some courses in the specialization, but I was rejected because I wasn’t able to complete the SQL part of the specialization. I am currently in the process of transitioning from my previous role as a credit/financial analyst to becoming a data analyst following the trend in the labor market. Having the proficiency in Python and SQL would definitely be a great leverage for me to further myself in my current and future job applications. I started my programming journey with this specialization, and I would want to be able to complete this one to truly say that I learned something from it. I am truly grateful to the Coursera platform and to the team from the University of Michigan for starting and making this course available to the mass public. I am one of those who truly benefited from this course and hopefully I would still be given a chance to complete and finish this course.