Dear Bursary Committee,

My name is **Ziyanda Khwezi Hadebe**, and I am currently studying **BSc Computer Science and Informatics** at the **University of Johannesburg**, completing my degree in 2026. Growing up in **KwaNdengezi, a township in Durban**, and being raised by my **single mother**, I experienced first-hand the barriers many young people face in accessing technology and education. These challenges inspired my commitment to succeed academically and to pursue **cybersecurity**, a field where I can protect digital systems while helping communities navigate the online world safely.

Moving to Johannesburg for high school exposed me to technology in a meaningful way and deepened my interest in cybersecurity. I am committed to helping learners from rural and township communities gain access to technology. I plan to introduce **basic computer literacy and online safety workshops** in KwaNdengezi because I believe no child should be left behind in the digital age.

During my studies, I have maintained strong academic performance and have been recognised with several academic honours:

- a member of the **Golden Key International Honour Society**, which recognises the top 15% of students performing academically

- a member of **the UJenius Club**, which recognises the **top 1% of students** academically at the University of Johannesburg

- a **StudyTrust Top Academic Achiever**, awarded for outstanding academic performance

This bursary would ease the financial burden on my mother and allow me to focus fully on my studies and community initiatives. I am determined to use my education not only for my own growth but also to uplift others and contribute to a safer digital future.

Thank you for considering my application.

Yours sincerely,

Ziyanda Khwezi Hadebe