Hiring Manager
IBM Apprenticeship Program

Dear Hiring Manager,

I am writing to express my sincere interest in the IBM Apprenticeship Program. When I first came to the United States, I quickly realized that my limited English created challenges in both work and daily life. Determined to overcome this, I enrolled in a language school to improve my communication. Through this experience, I also came to understand that in order to build a stable and meaningful career, I needed to master a technical skill to complement my strengths.

I chose programming as the path to fill that gap. My journey has not been without obstacles. In 2023, I was involved in two serious car accidents that required surgery and forced me to pause my studies at a bootcamp. Unfortunately, that program was later shut down due to legal issues. Despite these challenges, I continued learning independently through recorded lessons and by completing small projects.

To support myself financially, I accepted a role as a Chinese customer service representative at Bank of America. I truly value my time at Bank of America — it has given me stability, taught me professionalism, and strengthened my communication skills. At the same time, I have continued to pursue programming, completing Python certifications through edX and practicing coding in my spare time. While I love my work at the bank, I feel an even stronger calling to devote myself fully to technology, where I can combine my persistence and passion for problem-solving with a structured learning path.

Recently, during a conversation with ChatGPT, I discovered the IBM Apprenticeship Program. This opportunity deeply resonated with me because it represents exactly what I have been seeking: a way to learn and grow within a professional environment, while contributing to a company that values innovation and continuous learning.

I believe my journey demonstrates resilience, adaptability, and a strong motivation to learn. I would be honored to begin my path as an apprentice at IBM, contributing my work ethic and determination while developing into a capable software professional.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. I look forward to the opportunity to learn, grow, and contribute with IBM.

Sincerely,
Li Xuewei