

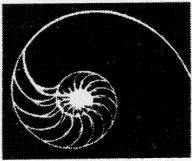
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US Embassy  
Nairobi, Kenya

To whom it may concern:

I write this letter to recommend **Mr Jackson Rereu Njapit** for a visa to enter the United States. I have known Jackson for many years here in Kenya, as he has been in charge of the local medical clinic in Talek town, near where my hyena research team from Michigan State University has been based since 1988, in the Masai Mara National Reserve, Narok District. In addition to maintaining his position as head of the Talek clinic, Jackson has also recently begun training as a balloon pilot so that he can take tourists on flights to see wildlife from aloft. Very few Kenyans are qualified to work as pilots, so it would be great if Jackson could join their ranks. Although Jackson can receive additional pilot training here in Kenya, he would be able to learn much more (and the American tourists who fly with him later would ultimately be much safer!) if he is allowed to pursue his training as a pilot in the US. I can fully vouch for Jackson's character. He is an honest, highly responsible young man. In all my interactions with Jackson over the past several years, he has never once failed to do anything he said he would do, and I have come to trust him completely. He is a very generous, good-hearted soul. I believe you can rest assured that he will abide by all US laws during his visit to the States, and that he will not become a financial burden for any US citizen or for the US government. I am confident Jackson will be a much better pilot when he returns to Kenya if he has been allowed an opportunity to continue his balloon flight training in the US. Please don't hesitate to let me know if you require any additional information about Jackson or my interactions with him. I can be reached most easily by email at [holekamp@msu.edu](mailto:holekamp@msu.edu). Thanks very much for your help with this matter.



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