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My name is Sebastian Eskandari. I am 12 years old, and my dream is to become a professional race car driver.

Racing has been part of my life for as long as I can remember. What started as a love for speed and competition has grown into a clear goal: to develop the skills, discipline, and mindset required to compete at the highest levels of motorsport.

This proposal is an opportunity for you to become part of that journey.

I began my motorsport career in karting at 4 years of age in the car park of an industrial estate in South East Queensland Australia. I just loved the speed. It quickly snowballed and we started racing at Toowoomba Kart track a short while after. Fast forward 4 years, I won the Cadet 9 Australian Karting Championship at 8, followed by the Cadet 12 Australian Karting Championship the following year at 9.

At the end of that year I had the opportunity to travel to Italy and compete in the World Rok Cup Final, where I got pole on debut and won heats and finished the final in 6<sup>th</sup> with the fast lap. I was offered a factory drive with the Tony Kart Team in the mini under 10 class. I helped them develop their chassis and engine package and we won the WSK Super Cup.

At 11 I obtained special dispensation to move up to juniors and raced in Italy in the OKN-J class in WSK and Italian Karting Championship. I obtained multiple poles and wins and finished the year as the Vice-Champion in both the WSK Euro Series and Italian Karting Championship.

At the start of this year I obtained my FIA international karting licence and raced in the FIA Champions of the Future, FIA European Championship and FIA World Championship. The highlight of the year was obtaining pole in Denmark and winning multiple heats and super final.

Racing karts has taught me about discipline and preparation, how to handle pressure, how to learn from mistakes and how to win with humility and lose with resilience. As I progressed, the competition became tougher and the expectations higher. I learned that talent alone isn't enough. Progress comes from consistent hard work, quality coaching, and the right environment.

To prepare for the transition from karts to cars, I began training under the guidance of Paul Morris at Norwell Motorplex about a month ago. Norwell has been a critical part of my development. Training there has allowed me to learn race car fundamentals in a professional environment, develop braking techniques, and car control and understand the professionalism required in car racing. Working under Paul Morris' guidance has shown me what it truly means to approach motorsport as a career, not just a hobby.

To continue developing as a driver, I have relocated to Christchurch, New Zealand. This was a big decision for me and my family, but it was made with one clear goal, to put myself in the best possible position to succeed. Since moving to Christchurch, I have continued my on track driver development with Nigel Barclay, driving the Formula Ford on multiple tracks. I have had to learn to adapt quickly to new environments and challenges.

I am genuinely loving my time in New Zealand. The people, the tracks, and the racing environment have made this an exciting and motivating place to grow as both a driver and a person. Living away from home at a young age has also taught me independence, responsibility, and focus.

My next major step is competing in the Formula Ford New Zealand Championship in 2026. My first race will be on the weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup> of January. Formula Ford is one of the most respected development categories in the world. It is known for pure driver skill, close, competitive racing and teaching race craft, consistency, and precision.

This championship represents a crucial stage in my pathway toward professional motorsport. It is where I will be challenged against talented and experienced drivers, learn to race wheel to wheel in cars, and continue building the foundation required for higher categories.

My long-term goal is clear, to become a professional race car driver. Every training session, every race, and every decision I make is focused on that outcome. Right now, my priorities are to develop race car experience and consistency, learn from experienced coaches and engineers and build physical and mental strength.

I understand that success in motorsport doesn't happen overnight and that you need a strong supportive network to succeed. I am committed to putting in the years of work required to earn opportunities and progress step by step. Motorsport is incredibly demanding both physically and mentally. Sponsorship support allows me to compete in high level championships, access professional coaching and equipment, to focus on performance and development and to represent my partners with pride and professionalism

As a sponsor you will have brand exposure on the car, race suit, helmet, and team apparel, representation at race events, media, and promotional activities and a long-term partnership with a young driver committed to growth and excellence.

I may be 12 years old, but I approach motorsport with maturity, focus, and determination. I bring a proven commitment to development, professional training environments, a clear long-term vision, strong family support and structure and a genuine passion for racing and improvement.

I am not chasing quick results — I am building a career.

Thank you for taking the time to read my story and consider being part of my journey.

With the right support, I believe I can continue developing into a driver capable of competing at the highest levels of motorsport. I would be proud to represent your brand as I work toward that goal.

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