**Sample letter about Immerse to a family member, mentor, or family friend**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

Hello, and I hope you are very well! I am so excited to let you know that I’ve been admitted to attend the *Immerse* youth discipleship academy at Seattle Pacific University this summer!

Immerse is a weeklong academy on the campus of SPU. The program is designed to offer high school-age Christian leaders an opportunity to grow in faith and leadership in several key ways. During my time at SPU, I’ll learn from world-class professors on topics like Biblical interpretation, Christian practices, mission, and the story of what God has done through the church throughout its history, and I’ll also have a chance to practice real-life missional engagement with one of SPU’s ministry partners in Seattle. In addition, I’ll join my classmates on a retreat to the University’s beautiful Camp Casey conference center on the shores of Whidbey Island in beautiful Puget Sound — all while practicing daily rhythms of worship, study, prayer, leisure, and community with students from around the U.S. As a result of these experiences, I will grow as a disciple of Jesus, and also in my ability to lead and serve in my home congregation at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Church.

Thanks to a generous grant, most of the costs of Immerse (lodging, programs, materials, transportation around Seattle) are already covered for me: all that remains is a tuition fee of $\_\_\_\_\_, plus travel expenses to and from Seattle on the first and last day. Immerse will take place on campus July 14–20, 2019. I predict that the total cost to my family will be $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_—and I am writing to ask whether you would be willing to support me with a gift to help cover all or some of the cost of attending.

I feel that Immerse could be a terrific opportunity for me to grow in my faith, and that it will help me to hone my skills as a servant and leader in Jesus’ name. I would be honored if you would be willing to support me to whatever extent you are willing and able.

Would you be willing to join my team of sponsors as I seek to raise $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Immerse academy at SPU?

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, and I hope to hear from you!

Many thanks,

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