**Sample letter about Immerse to a pastor or church leader**

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

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 our community of faith at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Church.

I am very excited to attend Immerse — and I am writing to ask whether our church would be willing to sponsor me in this opportunity to learn and grow as a follower of Jesus.

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, including travel, will be $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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 at our church.

Would you be willing to meet with me to discuss how I might invite our church to support me in this ministry?

Many thanks, and I look forward to hearing from you!

Grace and peace,

[signature]

[your name]

[your email]

[your phone number]