

Dear (Insert Name of Pastor, Church Member or friend),

I am excited to share with you news that I have been accepted into the North Carolina Wesleyan College Youth Theology Institute. The program's mission is to provide high school students the time, place and tools to discern God's calling upon their lives for Christian leadership and service. The program has two parts, a week-long residency week on Wesleyan's campus and a year-long mentorship program in my community.

During the residency, I will travel and serve in various ministries in eastern North Carolina, such as community farms, courts, food missions, churches and hospitals. Each afternoon, I will study with professors and exchange ideas about ways to contribute in God's kingdom. At night, I will worship and fellowship with pastors, classmates and youth leaders from around eastern North Carolina. From sun up to sun down, Christian leadership and service will be the focus of the program.

After residency, I will return home and stay in touch with the YTI community through regular meetings with a mentor chosen by my parents and me. Over the course of the following year, I will also work with my mentor to further investigate how I can link a need in our church with my gifts and interests. I am very excited to explore how I can serve our church!

I would like to ask the church to sponsor me in this experience. I need to raise \$425.00 to participate in this year-long program. This amount covers room, board and programing expenses for the entire program. I believe that this cost is worth this experience, but my family and I need help covering the costs. Not only will I be very grateful, but I believe Wesleyan's YTI will encourage me as a leader and will be a gift to the church.

Are you willing to meet with me to discuss the best way to invite support for my upcoming journey?

With thanks,

Your Name goes here