

(Date)

Dear _____,

(Write a separate letter to each recipient, put their name in it and write an intro to make each letter unique and personal. The below is only a template you can use; feel free to re-word it to make it sound like you.)

This August I am planning to attend California Coast Bible College (www.californiacoastbiblecollege.org) in Ventura, CA. It is a Bible College program focused on leadership-development and character growth through practical application (ministry practicums), classroom instruction, and church & community service. As a full-time student I will be enrolled in 16 credits each semester, and after 2 years I will be eligible to receive an Associate of Theology degree (64 credits in coursework and practicum). Classes will be taught by the pastors and leadership of The City Church Ventura (www.citychurchventura.org).

Practicum is service-oriented with at least 10-15 hours each week devoted to serving in a variety of community contexts. For instance, we will be serving in ministries like the Dream Center in LA. This ministry specializes in rehabilitation programs, transitional shelters for victims of human trafficking and homeless families, mobile hunger relief and medical programs, educational and foster care resources in the heart of Los Angeles. We will also be involved in mentoring children, developing ministry strategy, training in media and music, and participating in either domestic or international mission trips during the year. I will also participate in and potentially lead a small group within Generation Church (the youth ministry of The City Church) and also have a variety of mentoring opportunities with staff, instructors, leaders, and pastors.

In the Spring, I will join my fellow students on one of several potential mission trips either local or international. These trips will provide a hands-on experience in meeting humanitarian needs, leadership training, and practical service to the broken and hurting. This will be a life-changing experience for me as I seek to understand God's heart for the nations and how I can participate in what He is doing in this part of the world.

At this point, California Coast Bible College does not have student loan options, so I need to raise the finances for tuition and my mission trip through trusting God's provision, working part-time throughout the year, my savings, and the gracious contributions of friends and family.

Tuition and fees for the entire year is \$4,400. Housing is an additional \$4,250 (Deposit plus \$425/month for 9 months). The international mission trips will be approximately \$1200-2,000. Thus said – I am stretching my faith to see God's provision for this year!

My initial down payment of \$3,150 (\$2,300 for tuition and fees and \$850 for housing) is due at the beginning of August. I am doing my best to save finances, but I would like to ask you to consider getting involved by providing financial support and prayer as the Lord directs you. Any amount will help. If you would like to partner with me in this opportunity you may contribute online by submitting a payment to The City Church Ventura online Pushpay account. Go to pushpay.com/g/thecityventura select "CCBC Payments" and write my name in the memo of your giving.

You can also send your contribution (all donations are tax-deductible) and make checks payable to the following address: *(On the lower portion of your check please write my name, and "CCBC Payment" or "Missions".)*

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Thank you so much for your consideration as I begin this exciting journey!

Sincerely,

(Name)

(Email, phone number)