# Sample Letter to an Older School Child, Requesting Assent

**[NOTE: The information in this letter must include all items with an asterisk in the “[Sample Consent Form Appropriate for Adults](http://www.davidson.edu/Documents/Administrative%20Department/Grants%20and%20Contracts/Human%20Subject%20IRB/Sample%20Adult%20Consent%20Form-Davidson-College.doc).”]**

(Current Date)

Dear Student:

My name is Ann Doe.  I am a senior at Roberts Wesleyan College.  I am asking you to participate in a project that examines parental and peer influences on teenagers.  Sometimes parents find it hard to understand what you and your friends go through during your teens.  My project looks at some of the concerns that you may face now or might face in the future.

I am asking you to complete a short questionnaire that will take about 15 minutes.  Your parents or legal guardians have already given permission for you to participate in this study, but you do not have to participate if you choose.  You may quit this study at any time by simply writing on the questionnaire “Stop” or “I do not wish to participate.”  Your participation in this study will not affect your grades in any way.  There are no known risks involved in this study and you will receive nothing for your participation.  To protect your confidentiality, the questionnaire will not be shared with anyone unless required by law.  These questionnaires will be kept by my teacher Dr. Sally Smith and me.  Neither Cities in Schools nor your parents will know if you chose to participate in this project or the answers you provide on the questionnaire.

If you have any question about this study, please talk with\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Sincerely yours,   
Ann Doe

**Agreement**

I agree to participate in this research project and I have received a copy of this form.

*Student’s Name (Please Print) Date*

*Student’s Signature*

I have explained to the above named individual the nature and purpose, benefits and possible risks associated with participation in this research.  I have answered all questions that have been raised and I have provided the participant with a copy of this form.

*Student Researcher Date*