

Sue Murphy, State Director
Washington Science Olympiad
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Dear Director Murphy,

I am writing to express my deep interest in becoming a student advisor at Science Olympiad. As of 2024, I have dedicated myself to this remarkable club, participating wholeheartedly for the past four years. From the moment I first joined as a 6th grader, it has always been a crucial part of my life. Through this club, I met many wonderful people who shared the same passion for science as I do. These experiences helped me realize that I want to share my joy for Science Olympiad with others.

Joining Science Olympiad in 2020, amidst the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic, presented many challenges. Despite the challenges of being in lockdown, I immersed myself in the club as much as possible. I poured countless hours, day, and night into my events, even when I could not work with my advisor. However, every moment was exhilarating. I loved the competitiveness, the learning, and the people! These experiences ignited a flame inside of me, inspiring me to continue to pursue my passion for science and Science Olympiad. I took many classes (i.e. Honors Biology, Biological Medicine, Physical Science, Environmental Science) to expand my science knowledge. For the club, I volunteered to reach out to companies and apply

for grants to raise money for Science Olympiad due to our school's limited funding. With the amazing experiences I had in this club, I always encouraged those around me to join Science Olympiad

In the past few years, I have had several achievements in Science Olympiad. For instance, I have achieved 1st place in Regionals for Disease Detectives for the past three years and 4th place in Bio-Process Lab at State (see more achievements on my resume). Beyond the competitive aspect of this club, I enjoyed working and learning with other students with the same passion as I do. At each competition, I have met so many wonderful people that I will never forget. I would love to share this wonderful experience with others, and I want others to feel how I did at every competition. My dedication was not for personal gain but to create an environment where others could experience the same joy and fulfillment that Science Olympiad brought into my life.

As a student advisor, I understand that I have the responsibility of helping run events. While I may appear inexperienced due to my age, I have significant experience working with teams and organizing events. I have run multiple independent fundraisers for non-profit organizations, such as the Union for Concerned Scientists and the Fred Hutch Cancer Research Center. For instance, I set up a booth at Walmart with the goal of picking up 1 pound worth of trash for every dollar donated. Overall, my experience independently doing these fundraisers gave me lots of knowledge on how to run them. Additionally, I have run school events through ASB where I helped set up and plan them. One notable example was being the manager for the student store we have in our cafeteria. Lastly, I have represented Science Olympiad in our

school's Student Senate. These experiences show my expertise in and passion for both organizing and running events.

As a student advisor, my vision is to cultivate an inspiring and supportive atmosphere where everyone can succeed. I am driven by a profound love for Science Olympiad, and I am eager to channel this passion into my work. This ensures that all members feel valued and excited to be at Science Olympiad. Thank you for your time and consideration. I appreciate this opportunity immensely.

Sincerely,

Jane Park