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Ms. Sue Murphy
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Dear Ms. Murphy,

I am writing to express my interest in joining the Washington State Science Olympiad board. As a current junior at Tesla STEM High School, my journey with Science Olympiad has been nothing short of transformative, and I hope to give back to the organization which has given so much to me.

When I first joined Science Olympiad in 7th grade, I never expected it to change my life. I remember starting as a blank canvas, completely unaware as to how any event worked. I remember feeling left behind because I had started one year later than most of my peers. Yet, through perseverance, dedication, and endless trials of my build, I slowly began to feel more confident in my events, even medaling at my very first invitational. I owe my current strong work ethic to my experiences with Science Olympiad.

Now, as a part of my high school's Science Olympiad board, I've gained even more valuable skills. From helping organize events (such as our very first invitational and our booth at elementary school science fairs), to communicating issues from our club members to the rest of the board, to collaborating with my teammates on my events, Science Olympiad has taught me more than just science. It's given me the strong work ethic I have today. It's taught me how to be a responsible leader. It's shown me the importance of teamwork. And ultimately, it is these skills that have allowed me to accomplish what I have.

Science Olympiad has truly shaped me into the person I am today. Thus, I hope to give back to this organization as a student advisor, hoping to give other passionate students the same life-changing experiences that I received. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Grace Zhao