



To: Supporters of Washington Science Olympiad  
From: Sue Murphy, State Director, Washington Science Olympiad  
Re: Contributing to Washington Science Olympiad

Washington Science Olympiad (WSO) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation that has been committed to increasing science education among Washington's youth since 1984. As part of the national Science Olympiad program (<http://soinc.org>) that introduces K-12 students to practical science concepts and skills, WSO helps prepare Washington's youth for careers in science and technology, as well as instilling an enthusiasm for science. Regular classroom activities rarely achieve the same level of knowledge and skill possible through the Science Olympiad program.

Currently, Washington Science Olympiad only reaches a fraction of state schools (and students). The WSO Board of Directors would like to increase the number of students participating in Science Olympiad by actively recruiting new schools and teams. Fees paid by schools currently participating in Washington Science Olympiad tournaments go directly to national and state expenses. Through contributions to our scholarship fund, the board would like to cover registration and materials expenses for new schools/teams ... or assist returning teams constricted by limited budgets.

In 2010, approximately 2,000 students competed in WSO tournaments. Another 1,000 volunteers – including parents, teachers, college faculty, and industry leaders – participated in running WSO tournaments. This is only a fraction of the total number of K-12 schools, students, teachers, and professionals that Science Olympiad could impact.

Your contribution to Washington Science Olympiad will help more of Washington's youth attain higher levels of competency in math, science and technology. See the WSO web site ([www.washingtonscienceolympiad.com/donate.html](http://www.washingtonscienceolympiad.com/donate.html)) for additional information. State and higher education employees may contribute via the Washington Combined Fund Drive ([www.cfd.wa.gov/donate/donateindex.html](http://www.cfd.wa.gov/donate/donateindex.html)) – charity #1479519.

To learn more about WSO, the Science Olympiad program, or how your contribution will benefit Washington's students, please check out our web site or contact me. Any assistance you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sue Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sue Murphy, State Director  
Washington Science Olympiad  
15112 W Third Addition Rd.  
Cheney, WA 99004  
[statedirector@washingtonscienceolympiad.com](mailto:statedirector@washingtonscienceolympiad.com)  
509-359-6809