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To whom it may concern

Please find herein my application for a scholarship for the Stars of STEM program.

Part A:

EPA is currently under extreme budget constraint and no money can be allocated to my application to this program for 2 main reasons:

1) The COVID-19 pandemic means that government spending will likely diminish. Numerous uncertainties remain as to what the budget allocations will be until the next state government budget is passed in October-November 2020.

2) Due to the new Environment Protection Act taking effect in June 2121, EPA is undergoing a radical transformation. It means that all current underspend and most of the future budget will be allocated to transformation activities.

Part B:

I am residing in the Latrobe Valley, in regional Victoria. I mostly work from the EPA regional office in Traralgon and occasionally visit the offices in Melbourne.

Thanks for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Muriel Lepesteur-Thompson