



December 1, 2020

Dear Educator:

Welcome to ACT-SO! ACT-SO is an acronym for Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics. It is sponsored by the NAACP to encourage African American and minority youth to aspire toward excellence.

ACT-SO includes 32 competitions in STEM, Humanities, Business, and Performing, Visual and Culinary Arts. Almost 300,000 young people have participated in the program since its inception. For over forty years, the mission of ACT-SO has been to prepare, recognize and reward youth of color who exemplify scholastic and artistic excellence. The deadline for applications is **January 15, 2021** but students must begin preparations now.

Please make this information available to the students in your school and encourage them to participate in this educational and enriching experience.

Ms. M. P. Carter will serve as the ACT-SO coordinator for Memphis and the surrounding counties. She can be reached at 901-826-2913 / mpcarter176@hotmail.com or call the NAACP office at 901-521-1343. We look forward to having your students participate in the ACT-SO experience.

Yours truly,

Vickie Terry

Vickie Terry
Executive Director

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Enclosure



ABOUT ACT-SO

ACT-SO (Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics) is the major youth initiative of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Founded for youth of African descent, ACT-SO provides a forum through which the students demonstrate academic, artistic and scientific prowess and expertise, thereby gaining the same recognition often only reserved for entertainers and athletes. ACT-SO is rooted in the firm conviction that all students can succeed and compete at the same or superior levels as their counterparts in classrooms, boardrooms and laboratories across this nation and abroad.

Students can select up to three competitions from a total of 32 offerings in STEM, Business, Humanities, Performing Arts, Visual Arts, and Culinary Arts.

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ACT-SO MISSION

For 40 years, the mission of ACT-SO has been to prepare, recognize and reward youth of African descent who exemplify scholastic and artistic excellence.

The goals of ACT-SO are:

- To mobilize the adult community for the promotion of academic and artistic excellence.
- To recognize creative talent and academic achievement.
- To provide and assist students with the necessary skills to establish goals and acquire the confidence and training to make a successful contribution to society.

ELIGIBILITY

Students interested in participating in NAACP ACT-SO must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Must be a citizen of the United States or hold a permanent resident visa card.
- Must be enrolled in grades 9-12 at the time of application.
- Must be an amateur (having not received wages for professional services) in the categories of competition.
- Must compete in a local ACT-SO competition in order to qualify for the national competition.

ACT-SO 2021
Application
Sponsored by the
Memphis Branch NAACP

Please print or type clearly

Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____

Home Address _____ Home Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Cell/Alternate Phone _____

School _____ Email Address _____

Social Security # _____ - _____ - _____ Sex _____ Date of Birth _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Address of Parent/Guardian _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Name of Coach/Counselor/Teacher _____ Phone _____

AREAS OF COMPETITION: Please Check the Appropriate Category. Contestants May Enter Up To (3) Categories.

SCIENCES	HUMANITIES	PERFORMING ARTS	VISUAL ARTS
<input type="checkbox"/> Biology/Microbiology (01) <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry/Biochemistry (02) <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science (03) <input type="checkbox"/> Earth & Space Sciences (04) <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering (05) <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics (06) <input type="checkbox"/> Medicine and Health (07) <input type="checkbox"/> Physics (08) <input type="checkbox"/> Advancing to Nationals	<input type="checkbox"/> Music Composition (09) <input type="checkbox"/> Original Essay (10) <input type="checkbox"/> Playwriting (11) <input type="checkbox"/> Poetry (12) <input type="checkbox"/> Advancing to Nationals	<input type="checkbox"/> Dance (13) <input type="checkbox"/> Dramatics (14) <input type="checkbox"/> Music: Inst/Classical (15) <input type="checkbox"/> Music: Inst/Contemporary (16) <input type="checkbox"/> Music: Vocal/Classical (17) <input type="checkbox"/> Music: Vocal/Contemporary (18) <input type="checkbox"/> Oratory (19) <input type="checkbox"/> Advancing to Nationals	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture (20) <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing (21) <input type="checkbox"/> Filmmaking (22) <input type="checkbox"/> Painting (23) <input type="checkbox"/> Photography (24) <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture (25) <input type="checkbox"/> Advancing to Nationals BUSINESS <input type="checkbox"/> Entrepreneurship (26) <input type="checkbox"/> Advancing to Nationals

(Fill out ALL information)

Title of Performance or Display _____

Type of Instrument _____

Contestant's Signature _____

Complete and return this form by:

January 15, 2021

Return to:

NAACP Memphis Branch
 c/o Ms. Vickie Terry, Executive Director
 588 Vance Avenue
 Memphis, TN 38126

****Duplicate Application (front and back) as needed**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please complete and return application by January 15, 2021 to:

**NAACP Memphis Branch
c/o Vickie Terry, Executive Director
588 Vance Avenue
Memphis, TN 38126**

HUMANITIES:

All written materials must accompany your application:

- 1. MUSIC COMPOSITION**
- 2. ORIGINAL ESSAY**
- 3. PLAYWRITING**
- 4. POETRY**

SCIENCES:

A written paper describing your SCIENCE project must accompany application.

PERFORMING ARTS:

A CD of your INSTRUMENTAL: classical and/or contemporary piece must accompany application.

A CD of your VOCAL: classical and/or contemporary piece must accompany application.

DANCE, DRAMATICS AND ORATORY contestants will be notified by mail of the date, time and the location of preliminary and final competitions.

BUSINESS:

ENTREPRENEURSHIP – A written paper detailing your business plan should accompany application.

VISUAL ARTS:

FILMMAKING: A DVD of your project should accompany your application and mailed to Memphis Branch NAACP 588 Vance Avenue Memphis, TN 38126

ALL art work (DRAWING, PAINTING, PHOTOGRAPHY and SCULPTURE) should accompany application.

ARCHITECTURE DESIGNS: A paper detailing your architectural design and plan should accompany application.

These projects should be dropped off at:

**Ms. Kelly Hatton
Visual Art & Theatre Coordinator
Teaching & Learning Academy
2485 Union Avenue
Memphis, TN 38112**

Motto:

“If You Can, ACT-SO”