

NAACP ACT-SO



More than 300,000 young people have benefited from initiative's development & inspiration since its inception

ACT-SO--the Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics--is a major youth initiative of the NAACP. Talented *students of color* compete in local competitions, and gold medal winners are sent to the National Competition. Gold, silver and bronze medalists are announced during the NAACP's National celebration of **ACT-SO** that concludes with award ceremonies at the NAACP National Convention.

What Is ACT-SO?

ACT-SO is sponsored by the NAACP, designed to recognize high academic and cultural achievements focused on African-American students in math, science, performing and visual arts, and the humanities, and open to other students of color. The program relies on the dedication and commitment of community and business leaders who volunteer as mentors and coaches to promote academic and artistic excellence. Through this collaborative effort, participating students develop the confidence and skills needed to excel in school and in life as well as ACTSO Competitions.

NAACP Local ACT-SO Program Timelines

Local competitions usually take place between March and May. Contestants who win gold medals on the Local level qualify to advance to the National ACT-SO competition, which takes place in early July at the Annual NAACP Convention. **The Beverly Hills/Hollywood Local Competition is in March/April.**

What Are the Categories Of Competition? Students can complete in 1, 2, or 3 of the 32 categories of competition.

PERFORMING ARTS	SCIENCES	HUMANITIES	VISUAL ARTS
___Dance: Ballet, Modern, Contemp., Traditional ___Dramatics ___Music Inst/Classical ___Music Inst/Contemp ___Music Vocal/Classical ___Music: Vocal/Contemp ___Oratory ___Poetry-Performance	___Architecture ___Biology/Microbiology ___Chemistry/Biochemistry ___Computer Science ___Earth & Space Sciences ___Engineering ___Mathematics ___Medicine and Health ___Physics	___Music Composition ___Original Essay ___Playwriting ___Poetry-Written ___Short Story BUSINESS ___Entrepreneurial ___Hospitality Mgmt* ___Culinary Arts* <i>*Not available at this location</i>	___Drawing ___Filmmaking ___Painting ___Photography ___Sculpture

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

The program focuses on African-American high school students, who are citizens of the United States, enrolled in grades 9-12 and are amateurs in the categories of competition. Students **must compete in a Local ACT-SO** program to qualify for the National ACT-SO competition. *All students of color are welcome to participate.*

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING IN ACT-SO?

ACT-SO, above all, is a learning experience, in which scholarships and prizes are awarded. At the **national** level, gold, silver, and bronze medals are awarded along with cash scholarships of \$2,000, \$1,500, and \$1000 in each category, in addition to many other awards, scholarships and prizes. Local winners are awarded certificates and other prizes. Participants develop new skills and enhance their ability with each ACT-SO pursuit.

See the [www. youtube.com/video](http://www.youtube.com/video) of ACT-SO students: **I AM ACT-SO! NAACP ACT-SO CHAMPIONS**

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