

## ACT-SO OVERVIEW

ACT-SO is an acronym for Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics. ACT-SO provides a forum through which African-American youth can demonstrate academic, artistic and scientific prowess and expertise, thereby gaining the same recognition often only reserved for entertainers and athletes.

ACT-SO is a year-long enrichment program designed to recruit, stimulate, improve and encourage high academic and cultural achievement among African-American high school students (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade). The ACT-SO program centers around the dedication and commitment of community volunteers and business leaders who serve as mentors and coaches to promote academic and artistic excellence among African-American students. There are 26 categories of competition in the **Sciences, Humanities, Performing Arts, Visual Arts, and Business**

ACT-SO is a major youth initiative of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), which is the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization. ACT-SO founded in 1978 by renowned author and journalist Vernon Jarrett. ACT-SO receives support from schools, community organizations, churches, foundations, private corporations and individuals.

The ACT-SO goals are:

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

SCIENCES	HUMANITIES	PERFORMING ARTS	VISUAL ARTS	BUSINESS
Biology/Microbiology	Music Compositions	Music Instrumental / Classical	Architecture	Entrepreneurship
Chemistry / <b>Biochemistry</b>	Original Essay	Music Instrumental / <b>Contemporary</b>	Drawing	
Computer Science	Playwriting	Dance	Filmmaking	
Earth and Space Sciences	Poetry	Music Vocal / Contemporary	Painting	
<b>Engineering</b>		Music Vocal / Classical	Photography	
Mathematics		Dramatics	Sculpture	
Medicine and Health		Oratory		
Physics				

**ACT-SO: Today's Youth....Tomorrow's Legends.**

**“If you believe you can do it, then ... ACT-SO!”**

# Hillsborough County NAACP Presents



## *HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS (GRADES 9-12)*

- WIN A CHANCE TO COMPETE IN THE NATIONAL COMPETITION THAT WILL BE HELD IN NEW YORK CITY, NY!
- WIN SCHOLARSHIPS WORTH OVER \$3,000, COMPUTERS, OTHER PRIZES

**Local Competition:** Sat. March 28, 2009, 9am-1pm (Blake High School Performing Arts Center)  
**Award Ceremony:** Sun. March 29, 2009, 4pm-6pm (Tampa Bay Tech High Auditorium)

### *AREAS OF COMPETITION:*

**SCIENCES** – Biology/Microbiology, Chemistry/Biochemistry, Computer Science, Earth & Space Sciences, Engineering, Mathematics, Medicine and Health, Physics

**HUMANITIES** – Music Composition, Original Essay, Playwriting, Poetry

**PERFORMING ARTS** – Dance, Dramatics, Oratory, Music Instrumental/Classical, Music Instrumental/Contemporary, Music Vocal/Contemporary, Music Vocal/Classical

**VISUAL ARTS** – Architecture, Drawing, Filmmaking, Painting, Photography, Sculpture

**BUSINESS** – Entrepreneurship

### **\*\* INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON:\*\***

2/14, 2/28 – 1:00 p.m. (NAACP Office, 308 M.L. King Jr., Blvd)  
 2/17, 2/19 – 6:00 p.m. (Tampa Bay Tech High School in the Auditorium)

Please check with your guidance department for further information and applications, or contact Ms. Lomax (412-4363), Mr. Reid (744-8360), or the Hillsborough County NAACP Office at 234-8683. Please return completed applications by email to [nyoboto@aol.com](mailto:nyoboto@aol.com) or by mail to: P.O. Box 9874, Tampa, FL 33674.

*(Prior National Winners include: Alfred Sheppard, Jasmine Roberts, Jasmine Myers, Bernard "B.K." Jackson, Ashley Morrow, Rodgrick Snells, Justus Roberts II, Velette Mouton, Bryan Williamson, Eric White, David Stewart, Phillip Howse)*

(PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO YOUR GUIDANCE OFFICE OR SEND TO THE ADDRESS OR EMAIL ABOVE)



**NAACP ACT-SO COMPETITION APPLICATION**

YEAR 2009

UNIT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ UNIT#: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT APPLICANT. PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB:  / /

Phone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: ( ) male ( ) female

US Citizen: ( ) Yes ( ) No NAACP Member? ( ) Yes ( ) No

Tele # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

High School Address \_\_\_\_\_

- ❖ Reference the ACT-SO Category Descriptions and identify the category for which you will create a project, artwork or performance.
- ❖ Please check the appropriate category(ies). Students may enter up to **THREE (3)** Categories.

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

Entry Category & Title # 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Category & Title # 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Category & Title # 3: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTAL SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\* SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY ACT-SO CHAIRPERSON \*\*\***

ACT-SO Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

- This student is a local gold medal winner and will advance to the National Competition.*
- I certify that all the information given above is correct. I also certify that I have read and fully understand all eligibility requirements and that I satisfy all of them.*

Chairperson Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_