

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)

Contact Information:

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 or by mail to: P.O. Box 9874, Tampa, FL 33674.

Website: www.hillsboroughnaacp.org

(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)

ACT-SO OVERVIEW

ACT-SO is an acronym for **A**cademic, **C**ultural, **T**echnological and **S**cientific **O**lympics. 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 (9th – 12th 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 / Biochemistry	Original Essay	Music Instrumental / Contemporary	Drawing	
Computer Science	Playwriting	Dance	Filmmaking	
Earth and Space Sciences	Poetry	Music Vocal / Contemporary	Painting	
Engineering		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!”