

Participation Opportunities

ACT-SO is a community-based program that provides multiple opportunities for involvement. Community members may participate as: Chairpersons, mentors, sponsors, organizers, competitors, benefactors, educational partners, etc.

The program receives support from schools, local businesses, community organizations, churches, foundations, major corporations and individuals.

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

ACT-SO has 32 competitions in STEM, humanities, business, and performing, visual and culinary arts. Almost 300,000 young people have participated from the program since its inception.

*“If you can dream it,
you can do it.”*
-Walt Disney

ACT-SO Mission

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.



Contact us for more detailed criteria and information about how to get involved.

Visit us at:
www.beavercountynaacp.org

Contact Carter Spruill:
sgvyc@hotmail.com



**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION**

Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) is a yearlong achievement program designed to recruit, stimulate, and encourage high academic and cultural achievement among African-American high school students.

Students of African descent who are U.S. citizens or legal residents enrolled in grades 9 – 12 are eligible to participate. Students must be amateurs in their categories of competition.

www.beavercountynaacp.org

ACT-SO 101

ACT-SO provides a forum through which youth of African descent 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.

ACT-SO is a year-long youth achievement program that begins in August of each year in local communities nationwide. In more than 200 local communities throughout the U.S., ACT-SO adult volunteers recruit students and mentors.

Students work with mentors from August to April to develop their projects and performances for the local competition.



Local ACT-SO Activities

August - September

Local programs kick-off annual ACT-SO activities with informational meetings and registrations for students and parents.

September-March

Local programs conduct mentoring and scholastic enrichment activities

November

Students select categories and all registration forms are due.

December

Local Competition schedules will be released. At this time, students should also have selected a personal mentor

February - April

A final enrichment meeting will take place at a location to be determined and local competitions will begin to take place

April

Local programs competitions completed and winners will be announced at a final get together.

July

All local Gold Medal winners are eligible to compete at the National Competition which is scheduled along with the NAACP National Convention.



National ACT-SO Competition

The National Competition and Ceremonies, are held every July in conjunction with the NAACP National Convention, is the ACT-SO culminating event.

April – July

Once local competitions are held, the gold medalists are invited to compete on a national level. **Gold Medalists finish with scores are (95 – 100) in their competition category.**

Students continue their local mentorship and enrichment programs to prepare for the National Competition.

July

Annual activities culminate with the National Competition and Ceremonies.



www.beavercountynaacp.org