



## 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Akron ACT-SO Competition

Akron Competition – April 29-30, 2023

Nationals – July 27-30, 2023

### IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 3, 2023	Registration Deadline
Feb 4, 2023	Orientation
Feb – Apr, 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 11am	ACT-SO Workshops: Development & Mentors
April 29-30, 2023	Akron Competition, Akron, OH
July 27-30, 2023	National Competition, Boston, MA

### OVERVIEW

The NAACP ACT-SO (Afro-Academic Cultural Technological Scientific Olympics) Competition is an academic and talent-based program for all high school students to compete in 5 major categories: STEM, Humanities, Performing Arts, Visual Arts, and Business. Summit County students compete in the Akron NAACP ACT-SO competition, with Gold Medalists advancing to Nationals. Top finishers receive awards, prize packages, cash prizes, scholarships, and more.

### ELIGIBILITY

- A current high school student enrolled in and attending a high school in Summit County, Ohio
- An amateur who has not received wages for showcased talent
- Submit an Akron NAACP ACT-SO application

### REQUIREMENTS

**Orientation:** Feb 4, 2023, 11am - *Student & Parent/Guardian must attend*

Overview of program, expectations, Q&A

**Workshops:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 11am – *Student must attend*

1st Saturdays, 11am – ACT-SO Development: Time Management, Presentation Skills, Professional Etiquette, Etc.

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 11am – ACT-SO Mentors: Topical sessions focusing on student's material/presentation/submission

### CATEGORIES & COMPETITIONS: Select up to 3 competitions total from 5 Categories

#### STEM

- Architecture, Biology/Microbiology, Chemistry/Biochemistry, Computer Science, Earth & Space Sciences, Engineering, Mathematics, Medicine & Health, Physics

#### HUMANITIES

- Music Composition, Original Essay, Playwriting, Poetry-Written, Short Story

#### BUSINESS

- Entrepreneurship, Hospitality Management

#### PERFORMING ARTS

- Dance: Ballet, Contemporary, Modern, Traditional
- Dramatics: staging/acting plays
- Music Instrument: Classical, Contemporary
- Music Vocal: Classical, Contemporary
- Oratory, Poetry: Performance

#### VISUAL ARTS

- Drawing, Film-Making, Painting, Photography, Sculpture

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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