

Alliance/ACT-SO Journey Award



Are you a creative teen in grades 7–12?

Do you participate in the NAACP's ACT-SO program?

The Alliance/ACT-SO Journey Award provides financial support to eligible NAACP ACT-SO scholars to attend our National Ceremony in New York City.

Travel stipends cover you and two guests.

Who: All students of African descent in grades 7–12 (ages 13 and up) who also participate in the NAACP's ACT-SO Program are eligible to apply.

What: This award is part of the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, the nation's longest-running and most prestigious recognition program for creative teens. The Awards encourage, publish, and grant scholarships to creative teens.

Up to ten ACT-SO scholars, who also receive National Medals from the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, are eligible.

Why: We want to hear your unique point of view that breaks from convention, blurs the boundaries between genres, and challenges notions of how a particular concept or emotion can be expressed.

If you create any type of visual art or writing, we have a category for your submission!

Submissions open on **September 12, 2019**.

Regional deadlines vary, and can be as early as December 1, 2019.

The NAACP's 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. Interested in joining your local ACT-SO chapter? Visit naacp.org/act-so.

How To Apply

1. **Create your work**— be sure to check out the guidelines. You can also submit work that has competed in previous ACT-SO competitions. artandwriting.org/journey
2. **Complete the application online** by your regional deadline.

We Evaluate Work On

- **Originality**
- **Technical skill**
- **Emergence of a personal voice or vision**

Don't Forget To

- Look up your regional deadline artandwriting.org/deadlines
- Find out which art or writing category best describes your work artandwriting.org/categories
- Opt-in to the Alliance/ACT-SO Journey Award at the end of your application to the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards and enter the name of your local ACT-SO Chapter.



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