Alliance/ACT-SO Journey Award

Are you a creative teen in grades 7–11?
Do you participate in the NAACP’s ACT-SO program?

The Alliance/ACT-SO Journey Award offers financial support to eligible NAACP ACT-SO scholars to attend a residential summer immersion program hosted by an Alliance Summer Scholarship Program partner.

Round-trip transportation (for the ACT-SO scholar) and a full-tuition scholarship will be provided.

Who: All students of African descent in grades 7–11 (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 regional awards 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 1, 2020. Regional deadlines vary, and can be as early as December 1, 2020.

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.