



Brockton Area Branch NAACP, ACT-SO Information 2018-2019

Thank you for your interest in the Brockton Area Branch NAACP ACT-SO program. Please note that in order to meet the requirements of the National ACT-SO program, our local Brockton area program is only for high school students in grades 9-12.

ACT-SO is:

1. A program designed to recruit, stimulate and encourage high academic and cultural achievement among underserved minority high school students.
2. A local NAACP Branch competition will be held this year Saturday, April 27, 2019 at the Brockton Library, in up to 31 different categories. Students may choose to compete in up to three categories, although we do not advise competing in more than two. The top Gold Winner in *each category* wins an expense-paid trip, to compete at the ACT-SO Nationals.
3. The national competition held this year July 18-21, 2019 in Detroit, MI; the top three winners in *each category* can win cash, college scholarships and other prizes.

Fall 2018 - April, 2019:

1. Please note, we are unable to accept students who are interested in ***learning a new skill or talent***. It is essential that students have the basic abilities and knowledge in the area(s) they are intending to compete.
2. If you choose to have a mentor, you must notify us no later than January 14, 2019. The Brockton ACT-SO committee make every effort to assign you a mentor who will work with you up until the competition, to assist you in improving your project or performance. Your mentor has agreed to meet with you at least five times via phone, email, Google Chat, in person, SKYPE, etc. but can be as often as the student and mentor decide.
3. The ACT-SO Committee will organize a minimum of three enrichment workshops to assist students in improving their chances to succeed in competition.

Our expectations for each student are:

1. Communicate with the Brockton Area Branch NAACP ACT-SO staff in a timely fashion by return email or phone (Preferably within 3 days of the original message. Note: email is our preferred method of communication; please make sure you provide us with an active email account you check regularly).
2. Communicate with any assigned mentors in a timely fashion (preferably within 3 days of the original message).
3. To attend at least two of the three of the enrichment workshops, unless excused.
4. Be ready, each mentoring session and workshop, to actively participate
5. Agree to follow all safety and competition, rules and regulations
6. Communicate with ACT-SO organizers if/when there are problems/issues
7. We expect ACT-SO students to become a member of the Brockton Area Branch NAACP. The cost of student membership is \$15 which includes a monthly magazine, \$10 without. Please let us know if this amount is a hardship and we will make every effort to find a Brockton Branch NAACP Member to sponsor you.

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