



Baltimore County Branch NAACP  
ACT-SO Program  
8222 Scotts Level Road  
Pikesville, MD 21208

June 5, 2022

Dear Family and Friends:

This year marks my 17th year as the Chair of the NAACP Baltimore County Branch of the Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) program. I am writing to request financial support to help defray the cost for all expenses as we prepare to travel to the National ACT-SO competition in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

The program began in Baltimore County under the leadership of Ms. Patricia Cook-Ferguson who was the Branch president at that time and had the vision to bring the program to the county. The ACT-SO program is a major youth initiative of the NAACP, which was founded in 1978, by the renowned author and journalist, Vernon Jarrett. The ACT-SO program provides a forum through which African American youth demonstrate academic, artistic and scientific prowess and expertise.

Each year there is a local competition with over 26 categories offered for competition. Local Gold medal awardees move on to the National Competition to compete and network with over 700 students from across the country. Each student that receives a Gold, Silver or Bronze medal at the National level will receive a laptop computer and monetary awards that can be used for secondary education purposes.

The Baltimore County Branch will be represented by five outstanding students in Atlantic City, New Jersey in July. They will be competing in the following categories:

**Couryn Branch**  
**Hahmini Lewis**  
**Jada McAiley**  
**Jada Iwunha**  
**Alphonso Betts**

**Poetry and Short Story**  
**Painting**  
**Drawing and Photography**  
**Sculpture**  
**Dance Contemporary**

Thank you for considering supporting the youth of the ACT-SO program. Your donation will be beneficial in the growth of this program. You can make your check payable to Baltimore County NAACP and put ACT-SO in the memo and mail it to the address above, Attn: Marietta English

Sincerely,  
Marietta English  
ACT-SO, Chairperson

## Support for the Baltimore County ACT-SO Program

Yes, I would like to donate to support the NAACP Baltimore County Branch ACT-SO program with their expenses to the National Competition in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to make a \$2,500 tax deductible donation to the ACT-SO Program.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to donate \$600 to cover the cost of one student's night's stay

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to donate \$300 to cover the cost of one night's stay for a Student.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to donate \$200 to cover the cost of food for one person for Four days.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to donate \$50 to cover the cost of food for one person for a Day.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to donate \$50 to cover the cost of the bus ride for one student.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to donate \_\_\_\_\_ dollars.

The cost of the trip is about \$800 for each student. Any amount would be helpful in sending these deserving students to the national competition. Please do so by June 26, 2022.

Make your checks payable to the NAACP Baltimore County Branch and in the memo write ACT-SO. Mail your check to

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**Thank you!**