

ACT-SO Program

Blacks Can Compete

For Scholarships

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Black high school students will have an opportunity to compete for scholarships and awards in various academic areas.

A new program called the Academic Cultural Technological Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) was designed to encourage scholastic achievement among minority youths, according to its executive director, Benjamin Hooks.

Under this program, students in grades 8-12, who qualify, will compete locally, regionally and nationally in areas of competition that include the visual, performing and literary arts, and the applied, technical and social sciences.

ACT-SO was developed to reward students who have the desire and motivation to contend for recognition academically on an Olympian level.

Through the help of a sponsor (person knowledgeable in the field a student has chosen), a project is completed for the competition.

Students in grades 8-9, 10-11 and seniors will be judged in separate categories. First, second and third place will be awarded in each group.

To be eligible for participation in the program, students must meet one of the following criterion.

1. Live in a Community Development target area--Five Points, Third Ward, West Boulevard, North Charlotte, West Morehead or Griertown.
2. Live in public housing--Belvedere Homes, Boulevard Homes, Dalton Village, Dillehay Courts, Earle Village, Fairview Homes, Keyway Apartments, Piedmont Courts, Pine Valley, Southside Homes and Windsong Trails.
3. Qualify for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School's free lunch program.

Applications will be available at all junior and senior high schools and City of Charlotte Neighborhood Centers.

All completed applications received at a school should be sent to Ms. Verta Witherspoon at A.G. Junior High School on December 19, 1978. Applications received in the center should be returned to Ms. Vickie Christensen.

The ACT-SO Committee will notify applicants in writing. The committee will secure sponsors to help students develop their projects, or the student may select his own sponsor.

Local competition will be held in March 1979. The local winner will compete at the NAACP National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky in June 1979.

Engineering

Program Set For

Minority Students

CLEMSON, S.C.--Minority teenagers in the Carolinas and Georgia have been invited to apply to a special engineering program at Clemson University.

The two sessions next summer will bring 60 outstanding high school sophomores to Clemson for a two-week introduction to careers in engineering. They will work on short projects in several engineering areas.

About 30 rising seniors who attended the introductory sessions last summer will return in 1979 to work on a more complex project in a single engineering field.

He said sophomores interested in math and science who would like to attend can get more information and an application blank by writing to him at the College of Engineering, Clemson University, Clemson, S.C. 29631.

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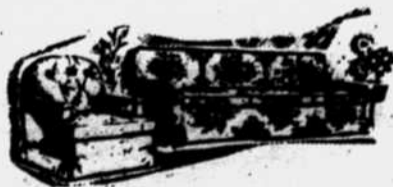
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