



ACT-SO CONTESTANT STATEMENT OF INTEGRITY

Great care must be taken to assure that the highest ethical standards are maintained by those participating in the NAACP ACT-SO Competition. To reinforce the importance of these standards, all entries for the NAACP ACT-SO Competition must be accompanied by this statement. The statement must be signed by the ACT-SO contestant, parent/guardian, and the ACT-SO Chairperson.

This single statement may be used to cover up to three (3) competition categories entered by the same contestant. List each covered competition below.

This Statement of Integrity applies to the following competition(s):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

We understand the following requirements are set forth by NAACP ACT-SO for all competition entries. These requirements are additional to the general guidelines and requirements published by ACT-SO. By signing this statement, I certify that all of the following are true and accurate as they relate to each entry listed above.

1. The contents of this entry are the results of my solo work and not that of any group project. *(This requirement does not apply to the Hospitality Management competition.)*
2. I have never received an ACT-SO National Medal for any part of the work submitted in this category.
3. Credit for all secondary research has been given to the original author through the project's bibliography, footnotes, or endnotes where applicable.

4. None of my work has been plagiarized from any source, and none of my work has been created using Artificial Intelligence. The only competition category in which Artificial Intelligence may be used is the Artificial Intelligence & Computer Science competition, and even then, AI may only be used to assist with research or development related to the competition's focused topic — it may not be used to create the entry itself.
5. All activities or original research procedures described in this entry are accurate depictions of my efforts.
6. I understand that ACT-SO has the right to publish all or part of this entry. Should ACT-SO decide to publish the entire entry, I will receive a communication from ACT-SO informing me of my selection and procedures for participation.

This Statement of Integrity must be signed by the contestant, parent/guardian, and the ACT-SO Chairperson, and submitted before the contestant competes at the local level. If a contestant does not submit this document, they will not be allowed to compete at the local or national level. If it is found that any of the statements are untrue, the submitted work will be disqualified from competition.

Contestant's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

ACT-SO Chairperson's Signature

Date