



**NAACP NYC ACT-SO**  
**Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics**  
*“Olympics of the Mind”*

**ACT-SO GUIDELINES**

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**MUSIC VOCAL**

(Classical and Contemporary)

1. Only **one (1) song (or medley of songs)** may be performed.
2. Musical performance **must not exceed five (5) minutes.**
3. **Music accompaniment may be provided** by the contestant on a recording or standard cassette tape. The cassette must contain only the instrumental version of the song used for the performance.
4. **A piano accompaniment will be available only if the contestant provides the sheet music and notifies the ACT-SO Office in writing at least one (1) week in advance.**
5. The material must be completely memorized by contestant.
6. Costumes are not permitted.

**JUDGING CRITERIA**

<input type="checkbox"/> Choice of Music	<b>10 Points</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Stage Presence	<b>10 Points</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Tone Quality (Beauty of Sound, Control)	<b>25 Points</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Intonation	<b>10 Points</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Diction (Naturalness, Purity of Words, Clarity)	<b>25 Points</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Technique (Breathing, Posture, Rhythm, Accuracy)	<b>10 Points</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Interpretation (Expression, Phrasing, Style, Tempo)	<b>10 Points</b>

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**100 Total**