



BUSINESS ARTS AND STEM EXCELLENCE

FAMILY/ STUDENT COMMITMENT AGREEMENT

The mission of the DuPage County ACT-SO program is to foster excellence and provide constructive support to high school students of African descent. Students are expected to exhibit full engagement and commitment throughout their participation, while families are responsible for providing encouragement, guidance, and oversight.

The DuPage County ACT-SO program operates under the leadership of dedicated volunteers in partnership with families, organizations, and individuals who are devoted to delivering exceptional academic and leadership experiences for students. Adherence to the following expectations and requirements will contribute to achieving optimal outcomes for all participants.

Families and students are requested to review and sign the agreement below to indicate their understanding of the terms of participation in the DuPage County ACT-SO program.

FAMILY COMMITMENT

Families Commit To:

Complete the e-registration process in SportsPlus (official app of the DuPage County ACT-SO Program)

- ❖ Complete registration forms for each student
- ❖ Sign the Family/ Student Commitment Agreement
- ❖ Sign the Media Consent/ Release Form
- ❖ Sign the Equipment Loan Agreement
- ❖ Sign the Family Fundraising Agreement

Fee Payment:

- ❖ DuPage County ACT-SO is transitioning to a touchless payment system. Registration and participation fees must be paid online using the SportsPlus app.
- ❖ Pay the non-refundable Application Registration Fee of **\$50.00 per student** by **September 19, 2026.**
- ❖ Pay the non-refundable **Participation Fee of \$300 for the first student** by **October 31, 2026.**
- ❖ Pay the non-refundable **Participation Fee of \$75 for each additional student** by **October 31, 2026.**
- ❖ Participation fees may be paid in one lump sum or in installments by **October 31, 2026.**

Active Engagement:

- ❖ Attend **(1) one** orientation session.
- ❖ Attend a minimum of **four (4)** full DuPage County ACT-SO Family Enrichment Sessions.
- ❖ Meet the **\$450 annual family fundraising requirement** through participation in B.A.S.E. campaigns.
- ❖ Volunteer a minimum of **ten (10) hours** (per family) in support of the program.

- ❖ Download the SportsPlus app (official app of the DuPage County ACT-SO Program)
- ❖ Review all program-related communications and respond in a timely manner.
- ❖ Review the family handbook and program calendar.
- ❖ Follow the issue escalation protocol for questions, concerns, and needs.
- ❖ Participate in surveys and end-of-the-year debriefings to improve program operations.
- ❖ Adhere to all program deadlines.

New Families:

- ❖ Maintain communication with your peer buddy.

STUDENT COMMITMENT

Students Commit To:

Active Engagement:

- ❖ Attend **(1) one** orientation session.
- ❖ Adhere to Argonne National Labs, b.unity and DuPage County ACT-SO participation requirements applicable to the student's selected category/categories.
- ❖ Maintain active engagement with assigned mentor.
- ❖ Attend the Pre-Competition session on **March 6, 2027**.
- ❖ Present project(s)/performance(s) at the local ACT-SO Competition on **March 20, 2027**.
- ❖ Participate in at least **one (1) B.A.S.E. sponsored community service event**.
- ❖ Review all program related communications and respond in a timely manner.

New students:

- ❖ Maintain communication with your peer buddy.

Local Gold Medalists Commit To:

- ❖ Represent DuPage County ACT-SO at the 2026 National ACT-SO Competition, which will be held **July 15th-19th in Chicago, Illinois.**
- ❖ Attend mandatory Gold Medalist preparation and coaching meetings for the National ACT-SO Competition in **April, May, June and July 2027**.
- ❖ Participate in fundraising efforts for the National ACT-SO Competition.
- ❖ Comply with DuPage County and National ACT-SO rules and guidelines for participants.
- ❖ Serve as an Ambassador for the DuPage County ACT-SO Program.

SIGNATURES

By signing this Agreement, the undersigned acknowledge that they have read, understood, and agree to the terms and conditions outlined above.

Student name <i>(please print clearly)</i>	Student signature	Date
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Accountable Family Member name <i>(please print clearly)</i>	Accountable Family Member signature	Date
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(please print clearly)

Accountable Family Member signature

Date