

NAACP ACT-SO CATEGORY DETAILS

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics)

ARCHITECTURE

The science, art or profession of designing buildings or outdoor spaces.

BIOLOGY/MICROBIOLOGY

The science of life or of the origin, structure, reproduction, growth and development of living organisms collectively.

CHEMISTRY/BIOCHEMISTRY

The science that deals with the composition, structure and properties of chemical processes and phenomena of substances and the transformations they undergo.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

The science that deals with the theoretical aspects of computers including storage and the transformation of data using computers.

EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCES

The body of sciences that includes geology, mineralogy, physiography, oceanography, meteorology, climatology, astronomy, speleology, seismology, geography, etc.

ENGINEERING

Technology. Projects that directly apply scientific principles to manufacturing and practical uses.

MATHEMATICS

The science of numbers and their operations, interrelations, combinations, generalizations, and abstractions of spaced configurations and their structure. Development of formal logical systems or various numerical and algebraic computations and the application of these principles.

MEDICINE AND HEALTH

The study of diseases and health of humans and animals.

PHYSICS

Theories, principles and laws governing energy and the effect of energy on matter.

HUMANITIES

MUSIC COMPOSITION

The science or art of arranging music by ordering tones or sounds in succession, in combination or in temporal relationships to produce a composition having unity and continuity.

ORIGINAL ESSAY

A brief examination of a subject in prose usually expressing a personal view or interpretation of a subject or topic.

PLAYWRITING

A literary composition developed for the stage.

POETRY--WRITTEN

A composition, marked by language chosen for its sound, beauty and evocative power.

SHORT STORY

A brief examination of a subject in prose usually expressing a personal view or interpretation of a subject or topic.

THE PERFORMING ARTS

DANCE

Ballet

To perform a series of rhythmic and highly technical patterned bodily movements usually performed to music using grace and precision.

Contemporary

To perform a series of rhythmic and technical patterned bodily movements usually performed to music.

Modern

To perform a series of rhythmic and technical patterned bodily movements usually performed to music that focuses on the dancer's interpretations using their emotions and moods to develop choreography.

Traditional

To perform a series of rhythmic and technical patterned bodily movements usually performed to music to reflect the life of the people of a certain region or county.

DRAMATICS

The art of staging or acting in plays.

MUSIC INSTRUMENTAL--CLASSICAL

The art of performing with a device used to produce music with tones of the late 18th and 19th centuries characterized by an emphasis on balance, clarity, and moderation.

MUSIC INSTRUMENTAL--CONTEMPORARY

The art of performing with a device used to produce music with the tones of the present.

MUSIC VOCAL--CLASSICAL

The art of performing with the human voice rhythmic tones or sounds of the late 18th and 19th centuries characterized by an emphasis on balance, clarity, and moderation.

MUSIC VOCAL--CONTEMPORARY

The art of performing with the human voice rhythmic tones or sounds to produce music with the tones of the present.

ORATORY

The art of speaking in public eloquently and effectively. (This is not a dramatic presentation.)

POETRY--PERFORMANCE

An original poem or prose performed as a monologue or exchange involving extemporization.

THE VISUAL ARTS

DRAWING

The art of representing forms and figures on a surface by means of lines.

FILMMAKING

The art and process of making motion pictures.

PAINTING

The art of laying on paint(s) on a surface with a brush or a knife.

PHOTOGRAPHY

The process, art and technique of taking images recorded by a camera and reproducing them on a photosensitive surface.

SCULPTURE

The art of making three-dimensional figures or designs.

BUSINESS

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Refers to owning, organizing, and managing your own business by providing a necessary product or service.

CULINARY

CULINARY ARTS

The creative practice of cooking. One who engages in the culinary arts, or a culinarian, is either called a cook or a chef depending on their level of expertise.