

## **APPLICATION FOR THE BEGINNING ORGANIST SCHOLARSHIP FUND LANCASTER CHAPTER, AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the Beginning Organist Scholarship Fund shall be to financially supplement the serious study of the organ by a qualified applicant, either at an institution of higher education or with a private instructor acceptable to the Scholarship Committee.

**TIMING OF AWARD:** The scholarship is awarded to the recipient for the duration of one year, with the recipient(s) chosen prior to and announced at the Lancaster Summer Arts Festival Organ Recital held on the second Thursday in June. The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to withhold award in any given year.

**AMOUNT OF AWARD:** The amount of the award shall not exceed \$400 per recipient.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** The applicant must:

1. Be or become a member of the Lancaster Chapter of the A.G.O. (regular, student, or chapter friend) immediately upon award of the scholarship.
2. Have not previously studied organ or have engaged in less than 2 years of study.
3. Demonstrate the potential for excellence by means of an audition. At the audition, the applicant must demonstrate an intermediate level of proficiency on the piano by playing:
  - a) a two-octave scale, using both hands simultaneously, selected by the candidate.
  - b) a two-part invention by J.S. Bach, or a movement from one of the Clementi Sonatinas, or an equivalent piece of piano repertoire
  - c) a hymn in 4-part harmony
4. In addition, if an applicant has studied organ, they will play a piece to demonstrate their progress.
5. If selected, the recipient will be expected to play at one chapter event within a year of receiving the award.

**PROCEDURE FOR APPLICANTS:** The applicant must:

1. Electronically submit a completed application form to the Scholarship Committee by the deadline set.
2. Interview with and audition for the committee.

### **APPLICATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

EDUCATION INTENTIONS

If you were to receive this scholarship, who would you plan to receive organ lessons from?

List your piano (or organ) teachers, and years of study.

What level of education have you attained (school, GED, college, etc.)?

If applicable, please name the education institution in which you are currently enrolled, academic major(if declared), and degree sought.

SHORT ANSWER

In written form, please address these questions:

What led you to seek Lancaster Chapter A.G.O assistance?

What are your short-term and long-term goals pertaining to organ study?

What other financial aid are you / do you anticipate receiving for organ study?

**Please submit completed application or questions via email to: [info@lancasterago.org](mailto:info@lancasterago.org)**

**The scholarship is awarded annually in June, with an application deadline of May 15.** All applications will receive consideration, provided availability of the funds. Past Lunt-McConnell and Beginning Organist Scholarship recipients are eligible to renew/apply for another scholarship in the following year, provided the initial scholarship award has been fully spent (i.e. a Beginning Organist Scholarship is granted in June, after which the student uses all of the funds to underwrite their lessons. They may reapply and audition in May of the next year, and if selected, could receive a Lunt-McConnell Scholarship in June).