

APPLICATION FOR THE BEGINNING ORGANIST SCHOLARSHIP of the Lancaster Chapter, American Guild of Organists

Purpose: 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.

Amount: The amount of the award will not exceed \$400 per recipient.

Qualifications: The applicant must:

1. be a member of the Lancaster Chapter, AGO (regular, student, or chapter friend) immediately upon the 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 2-octave scale, using both hands simultaneously, selected by the interviewer at the audition.
 - b) a 2-part Invention by J. S. Bach, or a movement from a Sonatina by Clementi, 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.

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 Summer Arts Festival Organ Recital. The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to withhold the award in any given year.

Procedure: The applicant must:

1. 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(s): _____

E-mail: _____

EDUCATIONAL INTENTIONS

If you were to receive this scholarship, how would you use it?

List your piano teachers, and years of study.

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

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

ESSAY

Please write a brief essay addressing the following questions:

What led you to seek AGO assistance?

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

What other financial aid are you / do you anticipate receiving?

PLEASE SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

Lancaster Chapter, AGO Scholarship Committee
via email to: eileenlaurence@gmail.com
or mail to: Eileen Laurence
706 Crestwood Drive
Lancaster PA 17602

The scholarship is awarded annually in June, with an application deadline of May 15. However, candidates are encouraged to apply at any point. All applications will receive consideration, provided availability of the funds. Past Lunt-McConnell and Beginning Organist Scholarship recipients are eligible to renew/apply for the Lunt-McConnell 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).