

THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

Detroit Chapter

Scholarship

Awards Guidelines

GOAL: To encourage beginning and intermediate organists by providing scholarships for organ lessons.

AWARDS

- A. Three possible scholarships of \$400.00 are awarded in three categories: beginner, intermediate, and advanced. Additional scholarships may be awarded. ALL scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the judges. The number of applicants, the amount of funds available, and the final opinion of the judges will affect these decisions.
- B. The scholarship will be made payable to the student's private organ instructor or educational institution in two installments, payable in September and January.
- C. A student may be a scholarship recipient a maximum of three times.
- D. Scholarship winners will be chosen by the Scholarship Committee, composed of local qualified organists, as empowered by the American Guild of Organists, Detroit Chapter Executive Board.

QUALIFICATIONS

- A. Applicant may be of any age.
- B. Applicant must be a resident of Wayne, Macomb or Oakland County, OR be a student of a Detroit Chapter AGO member.
- C. Applicant must submit a completed application form and additional letters as described.

REPERTOIRE

The audition will consist of pieces selected from only TWO of the following three categories:

1. *On the organ:* a Hymn AND a Chorale-Prelude.
2. *On the piano:* chose one of the following: a Bach 2-part invention; a Mozart or Beethoven Sonata movement; a Beethoven Sonatina; a Scarlatti Sonata; a Czerny Etude or its equivalent. *On the piano or organ:* a composition of the student's choice.

AWARD RECIPIENTS

- A. All applicants will be notified by letter of the judge's decision.
- B. Scholarship committee will contact winners in order to obtain information regarding payment of awards.
- C. Selected winners will be expected to perform in a recital sponsored by the American Guild of Organists, Detroit Chapter.
- D. An evaluation form will be sent during the school year to the student's instructor to ascertain progress of the student.
- E. If a winner changes instructors or institutions for the second installment the student must contact the Scholarship Committee.
- F. The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to cease funding a student if the recipient does not fulfill the requirements established for the Scholarship.

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Scholarship Awards Application 2012

Applicant's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Current Instructor _____

I am applying for a scholarship to be awarded by the Detroit Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. I have carefully read all the scholarship guidelines and understand them fully. I understand that the decisions of the Scholarship Committee will be final and binding, and I agree to observe all aspects of the scholarship award process.

Student Signature _____

Along with this signed form, the applicant must send the following items to the chair of the Scholarship Committee:

1. A letter written by the applicant outlining their music background and future musical interests.
2. A letter of reference regarding the applicant's interest in pursuing organ studies, written by a music teacher, church musician, or church leader (e.g. priest, minister, rabbi).
3. A list of the repertoire the applicant will perform.

Send the three items listed above to the following address **no later than January 31, 2012.**

Johnny Kash
AGO Scholarship Committee Chair
7685 Grandville
Detroit, MI 48228

Applicants will receive confirmation and audition details by February 15, 2012.

**Please make a copy of this application and the guidelines for your records.*

***The Detroit Chapter AGO Scholarship Awards Auditions will take place on Monday, April 30, 2012 from 5:00pm to 9:00pm at St. Paul's Methodist Church in Rochester, MI.*