

SF/AGO Young Organist Scholarships

Information and Application Form for those Seeking a Financial Award.

The San Francisco Chapter of The American Guild of Organists is committed to the support of those wishing to follow a course of study on the organ. The scholarship committee will consider applications for financial support twice each year. Completed application forms should be received by SF/AGO by the last day of June or December at sf.ago.scholarship@gmail.com.

Annual awards will be made of up to \$500 per successful applicant.

The funds for these awards will be drawn from the Joanna Smullin Organ Educational Fund, donations made by chapter members and from collections taken at SF/AGO program. There is a finite amount of scholarship money available and awards will be made based on a combination of order in which they are received and merits of the video provided.

Student age range is from the 11th birthday to the 26th birthday.

Successful applicants in full time education will also be given student membership of the SF chapter of AGO.

Teachers should be current members of the SF/AGO chapter or an immediately adjoining chapter. These include Palo Alto/Peninsula; Redwood Empire & Sacramento.

If there is no current organ teacher then SF/AGO will supply a list of teachers in the area.

Applications: Students should have some experience in playing the piano or organ. First time applicants should be able to demonstrate in a short video:

- Performance of **any** short piece of piano or organ music by a recognized classical composer. For piano this could be a Beethoven, Clementi or Scarlatti Sonata/Sonatina etc. For organ this could be one of the eight short preludes attributed to JS Bach or any simple piece written for the organ.
- Playing of scales in E major, B flat major, C harmonic minor and F melodic minor. Both hands in parallel motion (no pedals), 2 octaves each.
- Performance of a simple hymn of their choice, either with manuals and pedals or manuals only.

Video recordings may be submitted via Email; on CD, on a memory stick or uploaded to YouTube, dropbox or Vimeo etc.

Towards the end of each program year scholarship awardees shall play one or two short pieces at a members' recital or organ crawl or similar event. If the student cannot play for these events because of schedule conflicts, an opportunity to play for members of the Board will be given. This will indicate progress made since audition videos were sent or from the previous year.

Reapplication for scholarships will be considered at the discretion of the scholarship committee.

The award money will be paid directly to teachers.

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SF/AGO Young Organist Scholarships Application Form for a Financial Award.

Applicant's name _____

Street address _____

Email and phone _____

Date of birth _____

In full-time education? Details of school _____

SF/AGO Membership status _____ Member/non member

Current organ teacher (if any) _____

Where will you be practicing the organ? _____

A statement about what you desire from organ lessons and how the scholarship may help you:

Signature of Parent/Guardian if applicant is under 18 years old _____

This application form, together with video recordings (or details of how to access them), must be received by **sf.ago.scholarship@gmail.com** by June 30 or December 31.

Decisions about the application will be sent to applicants via email no later than July 31 or January 30.

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