

**Greater Columbia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
AGO Scholarship – General**

TEACHER PAGE

The Greater Columbia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists has a limited fund that may be used to award financial aid to organists wishing to further their skills, or to pianists with proficient keyboard skills who wish to begin organ study. These awards are intended to help with tuition and the purchase of music and books.

- Eligible candidates may be high school students or adults. They should be accepted into a proposed plan of study with a private organ teacher who is a member of the Greater Columbia Chapter of AGO.
- The Awards: The scholarships will be awarded bi-annually on January 1 and July 1. Based on the judgment of a scholarship committee, awards will be up to \$250 per 6-month term of study. Contingent on availability of funds and approval by the teacher, the scholarship can be renewed bi-annually for a total of 8 awards.
- Application Deadlines: Applications for the January 1 award must be postmarked by December 1, and applications for the July 1 award must be postmarked by June 1.

Application Procedures for the Student

To apply, the student must

- Be accepted for study by an organ teacher who is a member of the Greater Columbia Chapter of AGO. For a list of members who are accepting students, contact the Dean at the address below.
- Complete the application form on page 2 of this document, which may be obtained from the Dean, or from the *Scholarships* link on the Chapter's website: <http://www.columbiaago.org/>.
- Secure the signature of the organ teacher on the application form and send the application to the Chapter Dean according to the application deadlines listed above.

Awarding the Scholarship

The awards committee will finalize a decision prior to the entrance into the program of study, and will notify both the teacher and the student. If a scholarship is awarded to the applicant, the check will be mailed to the teacher listed on the application form by the award dates of either January 1 or July 1.

AGO Chapter Affiliation

If not already a member of AGO, the scholarship recipient will be offered Greater Columbia AGO Chapter Friend status at no expense to the recipient, and will be invited to actively participate in events of the chapter's program year. If the recipient wishes to join the national organization as well, which includes a subscription to *The American Organist* magazine, they may pay the additional national AGO's portion of the dues. For more information on either of these options, please contact the chapter Dean at the address below.

Procedures for the Student to Request Renewal

If awarded a scholarship and renewal is desired for the subsequent six months of study, the student must send a letter to the chapter Dean requesting the renewal. The letter must include the signature of the organ teacher indicating acceptance for continued study, and be postmarked by the application deadlines listed above.

**Please send the completed and signed application form found on p. 2 to:
Greg Stone, Dean
Greater Columbia AGO Chapter
3319 Devereaux Rd
Columbia SC 29205-1918**

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STUDENT PAGE

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Please complete and sign this application form and obtain the organ teacher’s signature. Further instructions on completing the application process may be obtained from the organ teacher.

<i>Please circle one:</i> High School Applicant		Adult Applicant	
_____ First and Last Name of Applicant (please print)		_____ Grade/Year in School if Applicable	
_____ Street Address of Applicant		_____ City	_____ State
		_____ Zip Code	
_____ Applicant’s Telephone Number (s)		_____ Applicant’s E-mail address	
_____ Years of piano study		_____ Years of organ study (if applicable)	
_____ Experience as a church organist (if applicable)			
_____ Name of Organ Teacher (Please print)			
_____ Street Address of Organ Teacher		_____ City	_____ State
		_____ Zip Code	
_____ Organ Teacher’s Telephone Number (s)		_____ Organ Teacher’s E-mail address	
<u>Signatures</u>			
This is to verify that the above named student has been accepted into a program of organ study by the above named teacher.			
_____ Signature of Student (Parent if a minor)		_____ Date signed	
_____ Signature of Organ Teacher		_____ Date signed	

***Requesting Renewal**

If you are awarded a scholarship and wish to renew it for the next six months of study, please send a letter to the chapter Dean requesting the renewal. The letter must include the signature of the organ teacher indicating acceptance for continued study, and be postmarked by the application deadlines listed above. Further information can be obtained from your teacher.

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