

**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 in February and October. 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 February award must be postmarked by January 1, and applications for the October award must be postmarked by September 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 students. If a scholarship is awarded to the applicant, the check will be mailed to the teacher listed on the application form. Scholarships will be distributed in October and February.

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:
Lenora Morrow Jeffcoat, Dean
Greater Columbia AGO Chapter
313 Secret Cove Court
Lexington SC 29072**

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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	
_____ Date of Birth			
_____ Street Address of Applicant	_____ City	_____ State	_____ Zip Code
_____ Applicant's Phone Number(s)		_____ Applicant's E-mail address	
_____ Years of piano study		_____ Years of organ (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 name 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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