

AGO Scholarship - Collegiate

The Greater Columbia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists has a limited fund that may be used to award financial aid to organ students enrolled in accredited music degree programs that include organ study, as well as non-music majors wishing to study organ for college credit. The awards are intended to help with tuition and the purchase of music and books. The applicant or the applicant's organ teacher must be a member of the Greater Columbia AGO Chapter.

Application Procedures

To apply, the student must

- Complete and sign the application form on p. 2 of this document, which may be obtained from the Dean of the AGO chapter.
- Provide a copy of the official proof of registration for the upcoming semester, including a list of classes in which the student is enrolled and the degree program in which enrolled (if applicable).
- Mail the completed and signed application and proof of registration to the chapter Dean at the address below, postmarked at least one month prior to the first day of the semester of study.

Awarding the Scholarship

The awards committee will finalize a decision prior to the entrance into the program of study. Based on the judgment of this committee, the AGO chapter award will be up to \$500 per semester for candidates seeking a degree in music, and up to \$250 for non-music majors studying organ for college credit. If awarded a scholarship, the student will receive notification of the award and the amount of money awarded prior to the first day of classes. The check will then be mailed directly to the student.

If awarded a scholarship, it can be renewed annually for a total of 8 semesters, contingent on availability of funds. To request renewal, the student must send the letter of request to the chapter Dean, postmarked at least one month prior to the first day of classes. Proof of registration for the subsequent semester as stated above must be included. A check will be sent directly to the student prior to the first day of classes.

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.

**To apply, please mail the completed and signed application form found on p. 2 and proof of college registration as specified above to
Greg Stone, Dean
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Columbia SC 29205-1918**

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