

Greater Columbia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
YOUNG ORGANIST COMPETITION 2021
Revised rules for 2021 in accordance with CDC and SC DHEC health guidelines.

Rules of the Competition

Eligibility

The competition is open to students currently enrolled in Grades 8-12 who are studying organ. Membership in AGO is not required. Previous first place winners are ineligible to compete. Not more than three finalists will be chosen for the final round.

Repertoire Requirements

1. A major work by J.S. Bach of at least 5 minutes duration.
2. A contrasting piece composed after 1800.
The pieces must be original compositions for pipe organ. Total performance time for the two solos should not exceed 30 minutes. Memorization is not required.
3. Finalists in the competition will receive a hymn packet and should follow the detailed directions included in the packet.

How to enter

1. Download, print, and complete the application form for **The Young Organist Competition 2021** as found on the Greater Columbia AGO website. www.columbiaago.org
2. Mail the completed application, a biography, and a check for the \$35 entry fee made out to the Greater Columbia AGO Chapter to the address below by **January 15, 2021**.
3. E-mail a digital headshot and a link for your private video recording to franceswebb@sc.rr.com The proctor should announce repertoire selections and the performer must be seen. Finalists will be notified of results by Feb.1, 2021 and will then need to make a second video of the assigned hymn.

Each piece must be a continuous, unedited performance announced by the proctor. The performer must be visible. The recording must be private.

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Deadlines

The deadline for submission of the application, the biography, and the \$35 entry fee (**check made payable to the Greater Columbia AGO Chapter**), the digital headshot and the virtual performance is **January 15, 2021**. The semi-final round will be judged by a committee of organists from the Greater Columbia AGO Chapter. Students will be notified of audition results by **February 1, 2021**. Finalists will then submit a second video of the hymn performance.

Prizes

Prizes are as follows: first-place \$1500; second-place \$1000; third-place \$750; hymn-playing \$300; Bach performance award \$300. The winner of the first-place award will be expected to perform a recital during the next AGO program year. A write-up of the event and a picture of the first-place winner will be submitted to the AGO magazine, *The American Organist*. A competitor will be disqualified for failure to abide by the rules. Disqualification will be determined by the Committee on *The Young Organist Competition 2021*. The judges shall reserve the right to withhold any or all prizes. Students will be notified of the results by **March 1, 2021** and the winners' performances will be broadcast to the AGO chapter members on March 6, 2021.