

Scholarship for Organ Study Information and Instructions

The Baltimore Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (BAGO) offers an Organ Scholarship for the purpose of helping new and continuing students with organ study. Interested students may apply by completing the application form on the next page, along with a letter of recommendation and a video recording of two contrasting pieces on either a piano or an organ, depending on the student's previous experience. After the scholarship committee has received the application materials, the candidate will be invited to meet the scholarship committee for a friendly interview to get to know the candidate and to assist in matching the candidate with a qualified teacher.

Being accepted as a BAGO Scholarship Student is an honor. It reflects a student's dedication to music and interest in the organ, along with their previous experience. After being accepted into the program, the scholarship chair and committee will help the student find a teacher, from a list of qualified teacher members of the BAGO. The scholarship award will pay one-half the cost of each \$75 lesson and the student will pay the other half. The scholarship may be renewed each year depending on the discretion of the instructor and the scholarship committee. The student and teacher will establish a lesson schedule of two lessons per month for the 8-month period, October through May, for a total of 16 lessons.

BAGO scholarship students will be invited and strongly encouraged to perform at a BAGO members/student recital toward the end of annual instruction. This is important not only for the performance experience, but also for our scholarship students to hear other their fellow musicians, to develop a sense of community within the BAGO, and to nurture emerging young artists. This mission is important to the BAGO. Students are strongly encouraged to attend other chapter functions to further and deepen their education and experiences.

Please email application materials to:

Wendy Johnston, Scholarship Chair
scholarship@baltimoreago.org

To fill out an application, go to <https://www.baltimoreago.org/scholarship>. For further information, please contact Wendy Johnston at (443) 676-7142 or at scholarship@baltimoreago.org

Scholarship for Organ Study Application

Date: _____
Applicant's Name: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Number of years of music study: _____
If under 18 years of age, please state Age: _____ Grade: _____

Piano Teacher's Name: _____
Piano Teacher's Phone & Contact Information: _____

For New Students:

List at least three piano works that you feel you could use as an audition piece (only two are required, but this gives us an idea of your experience). Please include title, opus or catalog number and composer)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

For Continuing Student:

List organ exercises and pieces studied over the past year: _____

Video Recording Link (YouTube or other): _____

Letters of Recommendation may be submitted separately and emailed to the scholarship chair.

The student will be informed of the decision of the scholarship committee as promptly as possible. If a scholarship is granted, a check will be made out to the organ teacher, which will be applied to the half the cost of organ lessons for the term. The student is responsible for the other half. A submission of an application does in no way guarantee the payment of a scholarship.

Scholarship recipients are expected to be courteous and respectful of their teacher's time and agree to give the teacher 24 hour notice of any missed lessons, otherwise the student is responsible for the entire cost of the lesson and no further lessons will be scheduled until full payment is made.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature (if candidate is under 18 years of age): _____