

Charlottesville/Albemarle AGO Scholarship Procedure & Guidelines

The goal of the scholarship program is to provide incentive for the study of organ playing through monetary assistance for private lessons on the instrument. The scholarship amount will equal \$500.

The application process will begin in February of each year. Notice/information of the scholarship will be sent to the AGO Chapter membership and Central Virginia music teacher associations.

Candidates must submit an application before June 30th so that it can be reviewed in time for the annual award in July for the upcoming academic year.

The applicant must reside in Central Virginia area OR must be studying with a member of the Charlottesville/Albemarle AGO chapter or a teacher from the Central Virginia area.

Guidelines or requirements for awarding the scholarship include:

1. Proven proficiency at the keyboard, attested to by a teacher.
2. Interest in playing and desire to learn the organ. (A short essay will be part of the student's application to explain this.)
3. An interest in church music will not be the determining factor in awarding scholarships. However, given that the majority of organs are located in churches and much of the literature is written for church use; consideration will be given to the candidate's appreciation for this literature. (As determined through the essay, teacher discussion or interview with the candidate)
4. Not necessarily limited to age, though this type of candidate is not likely a beginner at the keyboard. Therefore, candidates may tend to be older.
5. Financial need. (This will probably be determined through discussions with a teacher.)

6. Accountability for the award: the Candidate will perform at a chapter meeting, the details of the performance to be worked out each year on individual basis.