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AGO Organ Scholar Program

The purpose of the AGO Organ Scholar Program is to create a skills-based investment in young organists who have a strong interest in church music. The scholar will acquire practical experience through an immersive full-time church music program. The host institution/church should have an active and vibrant music program with a proven and capable leader. In total, the Organ Scholar will receive a salary of at least \$30,000, housing, and health insurance.

Financial Obligation of AGO National Headquarters

- **\$20,000:** AGO National Headquarters will make ten monthly payments of \$2,000 each to the Host Institution/Church who will apply them to the Organ Scholar's salary.

Financial Obligations of Host Institution/Church

- **\$10,000:** The Host Institution will provide at least \$10,000 towards the Organ Scholar's salary.
- **Health Insurance:** The Host Institution will provide or contribute to health insurance for the Organ Scholar and abide by employment practices such as withholding taxes and FICA.
- **Housing:** The Host Institution will provide housing for the Organ Scholar. This should be described as a guesthouse or apartment with private living quarters at one location for the duration of the Organ Scholar's employment.

Additional Requirements for the Host Institution:

- **A Strong Music Ministry** that is broad, dynamic, and able to offer considerable amounts of hands-on experience to a scholar. Any denomination is welcome.
- **A Commitment to Mentoring** the scholar actively and intentionally.
- **A Safe and Healthy Work Environment** by abiding by the [AGO Code of Ethics](#) and the [Policy Against Harassment](#).

Application Process and Deadlines:

- Application Deadline: **September 30, 2024**
- Online Application Form: agohq.org/organ-scholar-program-hosting/.
- The AGO Committee on Scholarships will review the applications and recommend a Host Institution by November 1, 2024



Questions: Email Organscholar@agohq.org or Call (212) 870-2311, ext. 4320