

The Richmond Chapter American Guild of Organists

Announces the Annual New Organist Scholarship Auditions for 2010-11

What is the scholarship program?

The Richmond Chapter AGO annually provides teachers and partial funding for up to three deserving and interested persons who wish to study the art of organ playing. Scholarships are awarded for 15 lessons given in September through December and are renewable for 15 lessons given in January–May.

Organ students receive:

- 50% of the funds needed for 30 lessons from a qualified AGO teacher
- Free membership in the national AGO, which includes a subscription to the monthly American Organist magazine, and local chapter newsletter
- Opportunity for performance in an AGO Richmond Chapter concert in May, 2011

Who is eligible?

Keyboard players from rising high school junior (in fall of 2010) through adulthood who have no previous organ study beyond the elementary level. Applicants must demonstrate considerable skill and potential at the piano.

Audition requirements:

Auditions are held on the piano. The audition will include

- (1) two prepared standard repertoire classical pieces of contrasting period and style (one pre-19th century, and one 19th century or later) lasting about five minutes each and at least grade 4 in difficulty (e.g. Clementi Sonatinas, faster movements);
- (2) major scales of up to 4 sharps and 4 flats, hands together in parallel motion, two octaves ascending and descending;
- (3) sight reading a hymn, and a short composition in two-part counterpoint;
- (4) simple aural and music notation tests.

Auditions will be held Thursday, June 17, from 7 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2315 N. Parham Rd., near I 64 W.

How do I apply for a scholarship?

Visit our website at <http://www.richmondago.org/scholar.htm>

Questions?

Contact Grant Hellmers at: grant.hellmers@gmail.com, or phone (804)-353-5236

New Organist Scholarship Application for 2010-11
Richmond Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

Applicant's name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

E-mail _____

Phone (home) _____ (cell) _____

Grade in school (if under 21) _____

Number of years of piano lessons _____

Prepared audition pieces (titles and composers):

1.

2.

Applicant's commitment: If I am offered a scholarship, I agree to pay half of the cost of my lessons (\$300 for the year paid by student or parent), to practice faithfully, to attend lessons regularly, to purchase promptly the necessary music and shoes and to play in public at the May, 2011 AGO meeting.

Signature: _____

Parent's commitment (if applicant is a minor): I approve this application and will cooperate fully to see that all obligations involved in it are met.

Signature: _____

Piano teacher's approval (if applicant is currently studying piano): I understand that this applicant may be studying organ and piano concurrently. If a scholarship is awarded to this applicant, I pledge my support.

Signature: _____ Phone: _____

Deadline: All applications must be received by Monday, May 17, 2010.

Auditions will be held on Thursday, June 17 from 7 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2315 N. Parham Rd., Richmond (near I 64 West).

Mail your signed application to:

Mr. Grant Hellmers, Chairman

New Organist Scholarship Committee

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