

THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS ST. PETERSBURG CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION 2012-2013

The American Guild of Organists, St. Petersburg Chapter, in order to assist and promote study of the organ as a classical and/or ecclesiastical instrument, is offering scholarship support for qualified students to begin or continue private lessons. Awarding of the scholarship will be governed by the following guidelines:

Candidates

1. Will be 18 years of age or under at the time of audition.
2. Will have attained a reasonable level of piano proficiency. (See audition requirements.)
3. Will be able to demonstrate a serious interest in organ study, and an appropriate willingness to dedicate the necessary time and energy to this end. A minimum of 8-10 hours of practice per week is expected.

The Scholarship

1. Will be in the amount of \$1,000 and will cover the cost of 20 lessons of one hour each. All other costs or materials will be the responsibility of the student.
2. May be applied only to study with qualified instructors as approved by the Guild.
3. Will be paid by the Guild directly to the instructor. The instructor will be expected to bill the Guild each month, along with documentation of lessons given, and should submit a brief progress report at the end of each semester.
4. Will be withdrawn should the student fail to attend lessons regularly, or to maintain the expected practice allotment.

Procedure for Selection of Winner(s)

1. Interested candidates must submit an application to the Guild by April 1, 2012. This application should include a statement of intent, a description of the candidate's previous musical experience, and a plan as to where and how the candidate intends to practice. At least one letter of recommendation from someone familiar with the candidate's musical background and abilities should accompany the proposal.

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2. Candidates whose applications have been accepted by the Guild will be auditioned at the piano no later than May 1, 2012. Candidates may play part of the audition at the organ at their discretion. **a), b), and c) are required.** The candidate may choose *either* part of d).

- a) one of the Two Part Inventions of J. S. Bach
- b) a hymn in four voices, assigned one week prior to the audition
- c) a piece of the candidate's choice, at the level of early Mozart or Haydn
- d) a brief passage of sight-reading, at a level similar to all of the above **OR** play a simple improvisation on the hymn assigned above.

3. Depending upon the resources of the scholarship fund, and the determination of qualified candidates by the Guild, according to above guidelines, one or more scholarships may be offered in any year. It is expected that scholarship winners will begin study no later than September 30, 2012, with the scholarship period ending June 30, 2013.

Application materials should be submitted to:

American Guild of Organists Scholarship Competition
P. O. Box 10178
St. Petersburg, FL 33733

