

# APPLICATION FOR THE BEGINNING ORGANIST SCHOLARSHIP of the Lancaster Chapter, American Guild of Organists

*Purpose:* To financially supplement serious study of the organ by a qualified applicant at an educational institution or with a private instructor acceptable to this committee.

*Amount:* \$400.00 or greater, based upon availability of funds

*Qualifications:* Applicant must:

1. be a member of the Lancaster AGO (appropriate category) or become a member upon the award of the scholarship
2. have not engaged in previous organ study or have engaged in less than one year of study
3. demonstrate potential for excellence in organ study via a brief audition; and
4. demonstrate financial need.

*Procedure:* Submit a completed application; complete audition/interview. Applicant will be contacted to schedule the audition. Applicant should be prepared to play a four-part hymn and another piano selection.

*Presentation of Award:* Rolling admission, with the recipient participating in a subsequent Summer Arts Festival Organ Recital (each June)

## **APPLICATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## **EDUCATIONAL INTENTIONS**

If you were to receive this scholarship, how would you use it?

List your piano teachers, and years of study.

What level of education have you attained (school, GED, college, etc.)?

If applicable, please name the educational institution in which you are currently enrolled, academic major (if declared), and degree sought.

### **ESSAY**

Please write a brief essay addressing the following questions:

- Why (financially) do you need this scholarship? If we need more detailed information about your financial status, are you willing to disclose it?
- What led you to seek AGO assistance?
- What are your short-term and long-term goals pertaining to organ study?
- What other financial aid are you / do you anticipate receiving?

### **PLEASE SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:**

Lancaster Chapter, AGO Scholarship Committee  
c/o Margaret Marsch  
1620 Hillcrest Ave.  
Lancaster, PA 17601-5224  
*or via e-mail to LMarsch@marschfamily.com*

**The scholarship is awarded annually in June, with an application deadline of May 15.** However, candidates are encouraged to apply at any point. All applications will receive consideration, provided availability of the funds. Past Lunt-McConnell and Beginning Organist Scholarship recipients are eligible to renew/apply for the Lunt-McConnell Scholarship in the following year, provided the initial scholarship award has been fully spent (i.e. a Beginning Organist Scholarship is granted in June 2011, after which the student uses all of the funds to underwrite her lessons. She may reapply and audition in May 2012, and if selected, could receive a Lunt-McConnell Scholarship in June 2012).