

# **Beginning Organist Scholarship Fund**

Lancaster Chapter, American Guild of Organists

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the Beginning Organist Scholarship Fund shall be to financially supplement the serious study of the organ by a qualified applicant, either at an institution of higher education or with a private instructor acceptable to the Scholarship Committee.

**USE OF FUNDS:** The grant must be used for organ study and teacher-selected study material.

**TIMING OF AWARD:** The scholarship shall be awarded annually, with the recipient participating in a subsequent Summer Arts Festival Organ Recital.

**AMOUNT OF AWARD:** The amount of the award shall be \$400 or greater for one recipient based upon availability of funds.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** The applicant must:

1. Be a member of the Lancaster Chapter AGO in the appropriate category or join the Lancaster Chapter AGO in the appropriate category immediately upon award of the scholarship.
2. Have not previously studied organ or have engaged in less than one year of study.
3. Demonstrate the potential for excellence by means of an audition. The audition should include playing a four-part hymn and another piano selection.
4. Demonstrate financial need.

Equal weight shall be given by the Scholarship Committee to merit and need.

**PROCEDURE FOR APPLICANTS:** The applicant must:

1. Submit a completed application form to the Scholarship Committee by the deadline set.
2. Interview with and audition for the committee.

**RECIPIENTS:** In the event that there is more than one qualified applicant and the Scholarship Committee feels two awards are justified in any one year, they shall bring their report to the Executive Board, who shall determine if funds are available to award more than one scholarship, and if so, what the amounts of the awards shall be.

Adopted by the Executive Board on May 1, 2010

Exhibit F