



Los Angeles Chapter American Guild of Organists Study Grant Program

Rules of Eligibility and Guidelines for 2007-2008

The Los Angeles Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) is pleased to announce the availability of three or more Study Grants for organ study in the amount of \$50-\$500. Study Grants will be awarded on the basis of motivation and proficiency.

1. Students of any grade through high school and who are residents of Los Angeles County are eligible. There is no application fee.
2. Students must currently be studying organ with a qualified teacher who is a member of the Los Angeles Chapter of the AGO. —OR—
3. Piano students who wish to study organ may apply. Pianists will be auditioning for introductory organ lessons with a qualified AGO instructor and may receive an award once for participation on piano. To be eligible for an award in subsequent years, participation must be on the organ.
4. Applications are available on-line at laago.org or by contacting Fran Johnston at 562-243-1237 or fran@tupcsa.org. Applications must be received on or before January 31, 2008.
5. Applicants will perform in a live audition on Saturday, March 8, 2008, at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, 13370 Valleyheart Dr., Sherman Oaks, CA 91423. The applicant may perform on organ or piano. Music for the audition will consist of two selections of contrasting styles, not to exceed 10 minutes of total performing time. Returning students must perform on organ and will also be asked to prepare a hymn. The student is advised to choose music which best demonstrates his/her keyboard skills. The student's teacher should advise regarding choice of music.
6. Two current letters of recommendation must be submitted with the application. One must be from a private piano or organ teacher, and the other from someone who has witnessed the candidate's potential and is not a member of the applicant's immediate family.
7. Practice time for the audition will be made available during the weeks prior to the audition. Each student's teacher must be present. Details regarding the use of the organ will be provided at that time.
8. An audition time will be assigned to each student. Students should plan to arrive about 10-15 minutes prior to their assigned time and sit quietly in the back of the church until called. They may leave after their audition.
9. Students will be evaluated by three adjudicators, who will determine the grant recipients. Adjudicator's comments will be mailed to the teacher.
10. Grant recipients will perform in a recital on the organ on Monday evening, June 9, 2008, also at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church. The number of pieces and length of performance will be determined after the auditions, based on the number of recipients. Practice time will be made available in the weeks prior to the recital. Teachers must be present to assist with registrations, etc.
11. Grant money will be awarded in the following manner: the parents of the grant recipients will receive one-half (1/2) of the award money in the month of March or April, 2008, and the remainder at the June recital. If the student is unable to prepare sufficiently for the recital, the teacher may terminate the lessons and the student will forfeit a portion or all of the remaining funds.
12. Grant recipients will receive a one-year membership in the Los Angeles Chapter of the AGO.
13. For further information, contact Fran Johnston at 562-243-1237 or fran@tupcsa.org.