

ORGAN ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

Western Massachusetts Chapter, American Guild of Organists

1. The Purpose of the Organ Academy Scholarship is to encourage the development and proficiency of the individual organist. All applicants, regardless of age or economic status, who demonstrate a genuine interest in the field of organ music are welcome to apply.
 2. The Organ Academy administrator will accept scholarship application forms for approval by the board. The application form can be found on the website:
<https://agowesternmass.org/OrganAcademy>
 3. To receive the Organ Academy subsidy, students are required to be regular, special, or student members of the Western Massachusetts chapter and are strongly encouraged to attend and participate in various chapter events. Following the student's acceptance into the Organ Academy, the Chapter Treasurer will make the necessary arrangements with the teacher designated on the form. The teacher also needs to be a member of the American Guild of Organists, Western Massachusetts Chapter.
 4. The total Organ Academy allocation and the scholarship per student are subject to annual Board review. Currently, the subsidy is set at \$60 per lesson hour per student, not to exceed \$1560 for the academy year which runs from June 1 to the following May 31. The student is responsible for the remainder of the cost of each lesson hour which the student pays directly to the teacher.
 5. The per lesson hour subsidy is paid directly to the teacher when the Treasurer receives written request from the teacher, which includes student name, hours and dates of lessons.
 6. All Organ Academy participants will be expected to perform once annually either at a chapter student recital or some other venue approved by the board. An option instead of the recital would be to submit to the board a video or audio file of the student playing at least one piece or to notify the board of a recital, performance, or church service in which the student plays the organ.
- Students agree to volunteer for at least one activity of the chapter over the course of the academy year.
7. Students need to re-apply by 1 June each year if they plan to continue.
 8. These are Guidelines that the board has voted to follow, but if any applicant has extenuating circumstances that make it difficult to comply, please notify the academy administrator. There may be possible solutions for special circumstances.

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