

Guidelines for Shenk Organ Lesson Scholarships
Harrisburg Chapter of The American Guild of Organists
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Shenk Organ Lesson Scholarship Goals:

Encourage qualified young people entering grades 6 through completion of grade 12 to study organ and to instill a life-long interest in the instrument.

Accomplish the above by offering qualified applicants a limited number of scholarships for free instruction in organ playing—the equivalent of 10 weeks of half-hour lessons with highly qualified local teachers.

Qualifications:

Piano Repertory

Student should be playing at least at the level of the Clementi Sonatinas.

Student should play with accuracy, rhythmic security, expressiveness and appropriate interpretation.

Piano Technique

Student must be able to play two-octave scales and two-octave arpeggios.

Emphasis should be on accuracy, steady rhythm and correct fingering – not on speed.

Music Reading

Ability to read music and to sight read a simple three-part selection with rhythmic accuracy.

Terms of the Organ Lesson Scholarship

Instruction:

Student will receive the equivalent of ten 30-minute lessons from a teacher in the greater Harrisburg Area. Students in York, Lancaster, and other surrounding chapter areas will need to travel to the teacher assigned.

The lesson is to be scheduled at a time and place convenient to both teacher and student.

If either student or teacher misses a lesson because of illness or other valid reason, a make-up lesson may be scheduled at the teacher's discretion.

Practice:

Student must arrange for practice time on an organ with at least two manuals and a 32-note pedal board.

Student should practice at least three hours per week.
Student is to follow the teacher's instructions and prepare lessons to the best of his/her ability.

Organ Shoes and Music Books:

Student is responsible for providing teacher-approved organ shoes and all music assigned by the teacher. Organ shoes for women are approximately \$50 and for men \$55 (plus shipping) available from Organmaster: www.organmastershoes.com or Tic-TacToes: <http://www.tictactoes.com>. Most organ methods are in the \$35-50 price range.

Termination:

If the student misses more than two lessons without good reason, or fails to honor the terms of the scholarship, the scholarship may be terminated at the teacher's discretion, upon consultation with the Education Committee.

Performance and Report:

The students who receive the Shenk scholarship will be given the opportunity to play in a Chapter-sponsored student recital – scheduled for Sunday, August 25, 2019 at 4:00pm.

Students will give a written report of their experience to the Harrisburg Chapter Newsletter editor upon completing the lessons, and no later than September 15: Shawn Gingrich, 1102 Ballyshannon Dr, Elizabethtown PA 17022 or emailed to Shawn Gingrich dean@harrisburgago.org (Electronic file emailed is preferred).

Guild Membership:

Upon completion of these lessons, the student will be given a one-year student membership in The American Guild of Organists. After that time it is recommended that they renew their membership.

Subsequent Study:

If the student wishes to continue studying with the teacher beyond the scholarship period, he/she may do so by consent of the teacher and by paying the teacher's standard fee for lessons from that time forward.

Application form attached, page 3

Applications and required recordings must be postmarked or recording links emailed by April 30 at 11:59pm.

Harrisburg Chapter of The American Guild of Organists
Application for Organ Scholarship

Name of Student _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

Email _____

Parent / Guardian's Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

Email _____

Birthdate of Student _____ Current School Grade _____

Number of Years Studying Piano _____ Organ _____

Name(s) of Teacher(s) _____

Other Instruments Studied _____ Number of Years _____

Have you received this scholarship before? _____

If so, how many times and with whom did you study? _____

Why do you want to study organ? (Please write a short essay on the back of this form or attach a separate sheet.)

*FIRST-TIME Applicants for Shenk Organ Lesson Scholarship must submit application in hard copy or digital file AND ALSO submit audio/video recording via an Online Link to youtube, google docs, dropbox, etc. It should include: Two piano or organ pieces of contrasting styles (with clear announcement of title and composer). Please also play a two octave scale of your choice using both hands simultaneously. Applicants who have previously received the scholarship DO NOT need to submit a recording.

Commitment statement from student: As an organ student I make a commitment to practice, to attend lessons, and to notify the teacher in advance of any legitimate reason for missing a lesson. I make a commitment to follow the teacher's instructions. I understand that if I fail to honor the terms of the scholarship, the lessons may be terminated at the teacher's discretion, upon consultation with the Education Committee.

Signature of Student _____

Commitment statement for Parent/Guardian: I promise to support and encourage my child in the study of organ.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Recommendation by current piano or organ teacher: I recommend the above-named student for consideration for an Organ Lesson scholarship. I confirm that this student has reached the level of piano qualifications as listed in the guidelines.

Printed name of Teacher _____ Phone _____

Signature of Teacher _____

Send the completed application along with link to recording (if required) to the Chapter Education Chair, Chris Prestia, 2802 N. 2nd St, Harrisburg, PA 17110 postmarked by April 30 or emailed to Chris Prestia at chris.prestia@gmail.com by 11:59pm on April 30.