

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 in grades 6-12 to study organ and to develop the skills and commitment to serve as church organists.

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.

Terms of the Organ Lesson Scholarship

Instruction:

Student will receive the equivalent of ten 30-minute lessons.

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 five 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.

Limitation on Receipt:

The Shenk Scholarship cannot be received more than three times.

Performance and Report:

The students who receive the Shenk scholarship will be given the opportunity to play in a Chapter-sponsored student recital - August 22, 2010 at First Lutheran Church, Carlisle.

Student will give a written report of their experience to the Harrisburg Chapter Dean upon completing the lessons, and no later than September 15 to the Chapter Education Chair: Shawn Gingrich, 1102 Ballyshannon Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022 <music@firstumchershery.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 by April 30.

**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 _____

Age 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? _____

[NOTE: Limit of 3 awards possible]

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

*Applicants for Shenk Organ Lesson Scholarship must submit audio/video tape, CD, or DVD with application. 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.

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.

Printed name of Teacher _____ Phone _____

Signature of Teacher _____

Send the completed application along with recording (if applicable) to Chapter Education Chair, Shawn Gingrich, 1102 Ballyshannon Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022 postmarked by April 30. Direct questions to Shawn Gingrich at 717-533-9668 or <shawn.gingrich@firstumchershey.org>.