

Harrisburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO)

Guidelines for Yocum Scholarship to Attend a Pipe Organ Encounter

What is a Pipe Organ Encounter?

Since 1988, Pipe Organ Encounters (POEs) have introduced more than 2,000 young people to the organ through instruction in organ playing, repertoire, history, design, and construction. A POE is a 4-5 day regional event organized by a local AGO chapter under the sponsorship of the national organization. It introduces teenagers and young adults to the world of the pipe organ providing private and group instruction, opportunities for ecumenical worship, and a chance for young musicians to meet others with similar interests.

Who can attend and what is required?

These regional summer organ music institutes are for students aged 13–18. Basic keyboard proficiency is required, although previous organ study is not necessary. The POE Advance is for advanced players who have already studied organ.

Purpose of the Yocum Scholarship:

- Encourage young people (ages 13 to 18) to gain an appreciation and understanding of the pipe organ through attendance at a POE sponsored by the American Guild of Organists.
- Provide financial assistance to make the above goal a possibility.

2010 Pipe Organ Encounter Locations (Preliminary List - Subject to change)

- **June 13-18, 2010**
SAINT LOUIS CHAPTER
Fontbonne University
Saint Louis, Missouri
Andrew Peters, MM
Second Presbyterian Church
4501 Westminster Place
St. Louis, MO 63108
314-367-0367
music@secondchurch.net
www.agostlouis.org
- **June 13-18, 2010**
GREATER COLUMBIA CHAPTER
Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary
Columbia, South Carolina
Tony Roof
180 Homestead Lane
Lexington, S.C. 29072
803-606-1596
tonyroof@windstream.net
www.columbiaago.org
- **June 21-26, 2010**
BLOOMINGTON CHAPTER
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana
David K. Lamb, DM, CAGO
First United Methodist Church
618 Eighth Street
Columbus, IN 47201
812-376-4139

lambda61@sbcglobal.net
<http://www.music.indiana.edu/department/organ/ago.shtml>

- **June 27-July 2, 2010**
GREATER BRIDGEPORT CHAPTER
Sacred Heart University
Fairfield, Connecticut
Stephen T. Roberts, MM
192 Thompson Street
East Haven, CT 06513
203-467-5417
robertss@wcsu.edu
www.agohq.org/chapters/greaterbridgeport
- **July 18-23, 2010**
MILWAUKEE CHAPTER
Carroll University
Waukesha, Wisconsin
Larry L. Wheelock
1221 North 28th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53186
414-763-0009
LLWheels@me.com
<http://agomilwaukee.org>
- **July 25-29, 2010**
FORT WORTH CHAPTER
Texas Christian University
Forth Worth, Texas
H. Joseph Butler, DMA, AAGO
School of Music
TCU Box 297500
Fort Worth, TX 76129
817-257-6629
h.j.butler@tcu.edu
www.fwago.org
- **July 25-31, 2010**
ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER
Concordia University
Irvine, California
Alicia Adams, JD
16181 Nassau Lane
Huntington Beach, CA 92649
714-840-0766
aliciaadams@juno.com
<http://members.cox.net/ocago>

POE ADVANCED FOR TEENS

- **July 18-23, 2010**
NEW YORK CITY CHAPTER
Saint Thomas Choir School
New York, New York
Paul J. Murray
Church of the Holy Family
315 East 47th Street
New York, NY 10017-2313
212-753-3401
poea2010@nycago.org
www.nycago.org

NOTE: Deadline for application for POEAdvanced is March 15, 2010.

Terms of the Yocum Pipe Organ Encounter Scholarship

- Scholarship cannot be received more than three times.
- Student should have keyboard proficiency, but prior organ experience is not necessary.
- Student will attend a Pipe Organ Encounter sponsored by a Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.
- Student will receive full tuition for the Pipe Organ Encounter from Harrisburg Chapter AGO.
- Student is responsible for registering for the event.
- Student is responsible for transportation to and from the location.
- Student is responsible for music, organ shoes or other supplies required by teachers.
- Student will give a written report of their experience to the Harrisburg Chapter Dean upon returning from the Encounter, and no later than September 15 to the Chapter Dean: Arnold Sten, 293 Founders Way, Mechanicsburg PA 17050 <asten@comcast.net> (Electronic file emailed is preferred).
- Student will be given a one-year student membership in The American Guild of Organists by the Pipe Organ Encounter Committee.
- Student will be invited to participate in a Chapter recital if appropriate.

Application form attached. Applications must be postmarked by February 28, 2010.

**Harrisburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
Application for Yocum Pipe Organ Encounter Scholarship**

Name of Student _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

Student Email _____

Parent / Guardian's Name _____ Telephone _____

Address (if different) _____

Parent Email _____

Age of student _____ Current School Grade _____

Number of Years Studying Piano _____ Organ (if applicable) _____

Name(s) of Teacher(s) _____

Other Instruments Studied _____ Number of Years _____

Which POE event do you hope to attend? _____

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

Commitment statement from student:

As a participant in a Pipe Organ Encounter, I will work to learn about the organ. I will endeavor to bring home what I learn, and, if I am able, to continue to study and work toward proficiency at the organ.

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 a Pipe Organ Encounter scholarship.

Signature of Teacher _____ Phone _____

Send the completed application to Chapter Education Chair, Shawn Gingrich, 1102 Ballyshannon Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022 postmarked by January 31 or Emailed to <shawn.gingrich@firstumchershey.org> or Faxed to 717-533-6005 by midnight on January 31. Direct questions to Shawn Gingrich at 717-533-9668.

Harrisburg Chapter AGO Guidelines for POE Scholarships

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