



American Guild of Organists Roy Johnson Memorial Scholarship Guidelines Southern Arizona Chapter

This scholarship was established by the Southern Arizona Chapter of the AGO in memory of Roy Andrew Johnson (1936-1995), past dean of the chapter and, for 29 years, Professor of Organ at the University of Arizona. The scholarship has been established to help fund organ study as follows: lessons at any level through collegiate level; introductory organ lessons for pianists; tuition for a Pipe Organ Encounter (POE); or registration for an educational event.

Amount: Scholarship awards for organ study will range from \$350 to \$500. For educational events, the scholarship will cover the cost of registration. One or two awards will be given annually, depending upon the number of applicants and the available interest earned by the endowment.

Application: An application form may be found on the reverse side of this sheet or online at www.agosaz.com. Completed forms must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee Chair no later than March 15. Awards will be presented by September 15.

Audition: Auditions will be held in April or May.

Organists will play two pieces in contrasting styles and will also play a hymn.

Pianists will audition for organ lessons and should be prepared to play one or two pieces on the piano at the following competency level:

1. Bach two-part Invention
2. A contrasting piece from the Classical or Romantic period.

Audition copies of the music should be submitted to the Scholarship Selection Committee Chair. Applicants' names should be on all music and the measures should be numbered. Photocopies may be used for the scholarship committee, but the applicant must have the original published work.

Selection: The Scholarship Committee will select the recipient(s) based upon established criteria and a completed application form. Selections will be made no later than July 15 for fall study.

Instructor: The Scholarship Committee will help match students with teachers if the student does not have an instructor. Instructors must be members of the AGO.

Practice: Recipients must arrange for practice time on an organ with at least two manuals and a 32-note pedal board. Students should practice at least five hours per week.

Organ Shoes and Music Books: The student is responsible for providing teacher-approved organ shoes and all music assigned by the teacher.

Performance/Registration Grant Report: Students who receive the Johnson Scholarship will have the opportunity to play in a chapter-sponsored event to be scheduled in the spring of each year. Students who receive an education registration grant should present a brief report by September 15 for inclusion in *The Cypher*.

Renewal: The Johnson Scholarship may be renewed up to three times, but the student must reapply.

The Cypher: The recipient(s) will be featured in an article in *The Cypher* and on the chapter website.

Tuition checks will be mailed directly to the teacher, POE registrar or convention registrar unless the scholarship winner is studying in a tuition program at the collegiate level. In that case, the tuition check will be given directly to the scholarship winner.

Guild Membership: Upon completing the lessons, the student will be given a one-year student membership in The American Guild of Organists. After that time, it is recommended that the student renew his/her 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.

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 Guild Scholarship Committee.

Application form on reverse side