

**WILLIAM E. HAYES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
FOR YOUNG ORGANISTS
Fort Worth Chapter of the American Guild of Organists**

The William E. Hayes Memorial Scholarship for Young Organists is an ongoing program of the Fort Worth Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The program was implemented on October 13, 2017, under the leadership of Chapter Dean H. Joseph Butler, AAGO, DMA, and the Executive Committee, in memory of former chapter member and Treasurer, William E. Hayes, SPC.

Goal: To encourage young students to study organ playing by providing financial assistance for organ lessons, chapter membership, partial financial assistance to attend AGO conventions or organ workshops, exposure to a variety of pipe organs, and periodic recital opportunities.

Qualified applicants: Piano students who wish to take organ lessons or students who wish to continue organ lessons between the ages of 12 through the completion of their freshman year of college may apply for the scholarship.

Scholarship Award: The program will fund organ lessons up to the amount of **\$1,000 per 12 successive calendar months**. Payments will be made to the teacher directly as lessons take place, or to the student if the student is enrolled in a university preparatory program. This will be arranged between the chapter Scholarship Administrator and the instructor, a member of the AGO. Additionally, a scholarship recipient will receive a one-year complimentary membership in the Fort Worth AGO Chapter. Depending on the student's progress and potential, some degree of financial assistance may be given to attend workshops such as AGO's Pipe Organ Encounter or an AGO Convention at the regional or national level. Depending on the student's progress, an award may be extended for another 12 months (but not after the first year of college).

Program Administration: The *Scholarship Program Administrator*, a member of the chapter's Professional Development Committee, will oversee all aspects of the scholarship program, including periodic calls for applications, solicitation of donations to support the program, evaluations of the scholarship recipients, mentoring the scholarship recipients, and other relevant duties involving this ongoing scholarship program.

Selection Process: Awards made are based upon a two-step process:

1. The applicant will provide a video recording (link) to the *Scholarship Program Administrator* via email (see the application form).
2. The applicant will either (at the convenience of the student) have a telephone, Zoom, or in-person meeting with the scholarship administrator to discuss their interests in church music and background. Awards will be announced to the FW-AGO membership. The chapter *Scholarship Program Administrator* will evaluate the student's progress and potential throughout their studies. A student may request the scholarship administrator to renew the scholarship for an additional year(s) but not **after** the first year of college. Renewals rely upon the *Scholarship Program Administrator's* evaluation and advice of the Executive Committee. An audition is not required for renewal.

(Application Form Follows)

APPLICATION FORM

William E. Hayes Memorial Scholarship for Young Organists
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Name of applicant _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Age: _____

Highest Education Level: _____

Name of Parent or Legal Guardian (if under age 18):

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I have studied piano for _____ years. I have studied organ for _____ years.
No previous organ study required for acceptance into this program.

Name of Current Teacher (indicate if for piano or organ and years/months with this teacher):

Repertoire: Choose two to three of your best piano pieces (or organ pieces if you already study organ) to record for viewing by the *Scholarship Program Administrator*. List the titles of your pieces below and video link (if postal mailing application, write video link below).

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

VIDEO LINK: _____

Emailed or postmarked applications will be accepted anytime!

Email your video link and this completed form (typed or printed/scanned) to the email address below:

Scholarship Program Administrator: Joshua Lang, MM

Postal Address: 5001 Crestline Rd Fort Worth, TX 76107

Email: joshua.lang@tcu.edu

Please contact Josh Lang, *Scholarship Program Administrator*, if you have any questions. Upon receipt of your application and recording, you will be contacted to arrange a conversation regarding your music lesson history and your future goals and interest in becoming an organist.

I certify that I have read, understand, and agree to comply with the procedures of the William E. Hayes Memorial Scholarship for Young Organists. I understand that if I disregard any of these rules or misrepresent any facts, I may be disqualified.

Signature of Applicant

Date