

Memphis Chapter - American Guild of Organists

Mildred Ramsey Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2005 in memory of Mildred Ramsey to fund organ lessons for students of any age. The funds are provided primarily through donations from chapter members. Application for these funds may be made at any time, but must be submitted by a current member of the Memphis Chapter who will serve as the teacher, and who can recommend the applicant without reservation.

The student should show exceptional promise and possess the motivation and discipline to practice. The scholarship will be based on merit as well as financial need, and the Committee will make its decision solely upon the written applications submitted by the chapter member/teacher and the student.

The scholarship will fund a series of ten lessons, with frequency and length to be determined jointly by the teacher and student. The scholarship will cover one-half the cost of lessons (not to exceed \$25.00 per lesson), and be paid directly to the teacher, who will bill the Chapter Treasurer for this amount on a monthly basis. The student will be responsible for the balance of the cost of each lesson, and pay the teacher on a regular basis.

At the end of the series of lessons, the teacher will complete an evaluation form and submit it to the Scholarship Committee. Based on this report, the Committee may consider further financial support. A total of five (5) consecutive scholarships may be granted to the same person.

The Committee may choose to award scholarships to more than one student during the calendar year. If a current Scholarship Committee member wishes to submit an application, the Dean will appoint another chapter member to serve on the committee in the member's place until the application process is completed.

If desired, the student can receive a complimentary subscription to the AGO Chapter newsletter. At the discretion of the teacher, the student will be welcome at local AGO events to meet other organists and gain a wider knowledge of the instrument, its repertoire and those who perform it.

Upon the teacher's recommendation, the student may be invited to play for the chapter on a guild program.

For more information: Jane Scharding Smedley - 901.527.8282, ext. 15

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TEACHER APPLICATION
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Teacher Name_____

Address_____

Phone(s)_____Email_____

Student Name_____

Parents' Names (if student is a minor):

Address_____

Phone(s)_____Email_____

To the best of your knowledge, please evaluate the following:

Abilities of student, musical and otherwise_____

Student's financial need, specifically as it affects musical training:

Your fee-scale for lessons_____

Anticipated frequency and length of lessons_____

It is understood that after ten lessons you will submit a written report to the Scholarship Committee giving dates of lessons, a brief evaluation of the student's progress and your opinion of continued training. All information will be kept confidential.

Signature_____ Date_____

Return to:

Jane Scharding Smedley, 22 South Reese, Memphis, TN 38111

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STUDENT APPLICATION
Memphis Chapter - American Guild of Organists

Name _____

(If student is a minor):

School/Grade _____

Parents' Names _____

Address _____

Phone(s) _____ Email _____

Organ Teacher's Name _____

Address _____

Phone(s) _____ Email _____

Please list names of former or current piano and/or organ teachers:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Describe briefly your previous musical experiences (private lessons, band, church or school choir, orchestra, recitals, etc.) _____

Why would you like to study the organ? _____

I accept responsibility for that portion of the lesson fee not covered by the scholarship, and will pay directly to my teacher on a regular basis.

Signature of student _____ Date _____

Signature of parent (if student is a minor)

_____ Date _____

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