

THE FRASIER ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP 2024

The Frasier Organ Scholarship has been established to encourage talented musicians of any age, who reside in the San Jose/South Bay area, to continue organ studies. The award will be made on the basis of demonstrated talent and potential. The scholarship must be used for specified continuing education in organ studies. Such studies may include weekly organ lessons, course fees, workshops, etc. Previous winners are not eligible.

Eligibility: The applicant must be one of the following:

- a) A current member of the San Jose Chapter-AGO, or
- b) An organ student studying with a teacher who is a Chapter member, or
- c) An organ student sponsored by a current member of the Chapter.

How to Qualify:

- 1) Submit an application form to the Chair of the Scholarship Committee
- 2) Submit two recommendations to the Chair from persons qualified to evaluate applicant's musical ability, professional activity and potential
- 3) Prepare to play three compositions/movements in various styles and character:
 1. A piece composed before 1800
 - *2. A piece by a composer born between 1800 and 1900
 - *3. A piece by a composer born after 1900* The pieces in categories 2 and 3 must be contrasting in mood. A single movement of a larger work is acceptable.
- 4) The candidate will choose one hymn from a group of four specified selections. He/she will prepare an introduction and three stanzas of that hymn for congregational singing: the introduction could be more free or improvisational in character, but should introduce the hymn in a manner that the congregation will know when to sing; the 1st verse is traditional four-part harmony; verses 2 and 3 may be original, published, or improvisational (but appropriate for congregational singing). The introduction and all three verses should be played as if leading congregational singing.
- 5) Audition in person before the Scholarship Committee (date TBD, hopefully in mid/late April 2024)

Method of Selection

A judging panel composed of three members of the San Jose Chapter will be authorized by the Executive Committee to select the recipient of the Frasier Scholarship. Teachers or sponsors of applicants are excluded from the panel. The panel is authorized to award the scholarship or to decide that no award will be made that year. The judges may invite the Frasier winner to perform part or all of a solo organ recital as a chapter event.

Application Deadline

Application and Recommendations must be sent to the Chair by March 18, 2024 (postmark deadline). Recommendations must accompany the completed application. Audition recordings will not be accepted. Application forms may be obtained from the Scholarship Chair, or from the San Jose Chapter's website (www.agosanjose.org).

Notification of Winner

Winner will be notified soon after the auditions. The award will be presented at the Annual Installation Ceremony, or at another AGO chapter event.

NOTE: Members are encouraged to serve as jurors if asked. This is an educational experience for you as well.

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