

Richmond Chapter – American Guild of Organists

New Organist Scholarship Application | 2025–2026

This scholarship program encourages talented pianists and aspiring organists to develop their skills and serve the church music community. Up to three applicants will receive partial tuition for private organ study, access to practice instruments, and membership in the American Guild of Organists.

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Grade in School (if under 21): _____

Musical Experience

Please describe your musical training and experience. Include how many years you have studied piano, whether you have studied organ, and your current or former teacher(s):

Audition Information

Please list the pieces you plan to present for your audition:

1. _____

2. _____

Audition will also include:

- Major scales (up to 4 sharps/flats), hands together, two octaves
- Hymn sight-reading
- Two-part counterpoint reading
- Aural and music notation exercises

Your Interest in the Organ

What are your goals and aspirations in studying the organ?

Commitments & Signatures

If I am awarded a scholarship, I agree to:

- Practice at least 5 hours per week
- Attend 15 lessons per semester
- Pay \$375 per semester (half of the total cost)
- Purchase required materials and organ shoes
- Attend at least two organ-related events or recitals
- Perform at the May 2026 Richmond AGO Chapter recital
- Maintain satisfactory progress to continue into the spring semester

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Commitment (if applicant is a minor):

I approve this application and agree to support my child in fulfilling these responsibilities.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Piano Teacher's Approval (if applicable):

I support this applicant's decision to pursue organ study and agree to support their musical development.

Signature: _____ Phone: _____

Submission Instructions:

Application deadline: Saturday, August 23, 2025

Auditions held: Tuesday, August 26, 2025, beginning at 7:00 PM at All Saints Episcopal Church (8787 River Road, Richmond, 23229)

Submit by email or mail to:

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