



American Guild of Organists
Southern Arizona Chapter



Roy Johnson Memorial Scholarship Guidelines

The Roy Johnson Memorial Scholarship was established by the Southern Arizona Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (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 purpose of the scholarship is to fund organ study as follows: (1) introductory or continuing lessons for all students up through collegiate level; and (2) tuition/fees for an educational event including a Pipe Organ Encounter (POE), and gatherings such as AGO/OHS regional and national conventions, or organ-related seminars, conferences and conclaves-

Amount: Scholarship awards for organ related study annually up to \$1500. For educational events, the scholarship covers the cost of registration. One or two awards will be given annually, depending upon the number of applicants and the available funds in the scholarship endowment.

Application: An application form is attached to this sheet and also is available online at www.saago.org.

Auditions: Auditions may be done either by sending a recording (or web links) to the Chapter Secretary & Treasurer for distribution and review by the Scholarship Committee, or in person by arrangement.

Pre-college Audition Process: Pianists will play two short pieces in contrasting styles demonstrating their current skill level.

Post-Secondary School Audition Process: Organists will play a hymn and two organ works in contrasting styles and periods.

Selection: The Scholarship Committee will select the recipient(s) based upon established criteria and a completed application form. For Post-Secondary students, preference will be given to SAAGO members or students of members and to students considering organ study at an Arizona college or university.

Instruction: The Scholarship Committee will match non-collegiate students with an instructor if the student does not have one. Instructors must be members of the AGO.

Performance Opportunity/Educational Event Report: Students awarded a Johnson Scholarship for organ study will be given opportunity to perform in a chapter-sponsored event. Students awarded a scholarship for an educational event are asked to submit a report about the event for publication in the chapter's newsletter, *The Cypher*.

Renewal: Students may reapply for the Johnson Scholarship up to three times.

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: Collegiate level scholarships include a one-year student membership in the Southern Arizona Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.