



AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS -- SUFFOLK CHAPTER
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT
 2012

The Suffolk Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, in partnership with Elsener Organ Works, Inc., is pleased to announce its Ninth Annual Organ Scholarship Program for Long Island music students. Three different categories of scholarships are available: a Chapter award for college students, a Chapter award for high school students, and the Elsener Award for beginning organ students.

The Suffolk Chapter AGO COLLEGE Scholarship	The Suffolk Chapter AGO HIGH SCHOOL Scholarship	The Elsener Award for beginning organ students
For Suffolk County residents: An award of up to \$1,000 for a student pursuing organ studies in college (an undergraduate currently enrolled in college, or a high school senior about to enter college).	For Suffolk County residents: An award of up to \$500 (or two \$250 scholarships) for organ lessons for high school students studying organ privately.	For Nassau OR Suffolk County residents: An award of up to \$1,000 for a beginning organ student of any age who has not previously completed more than two years of organ study. Students of any age who previously studied organ, but had to quit due to financial reasons, may also apply for this award.
STUDY REQUIREMENTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The student or his or her teacher must be a member of a Suffolk Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. • The funded lessons are to be completed within one year. 	STUDY REQUIREMENTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The student or his or her organ teacher must be a member of a Suffolk Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. • The funded lessons are to be completed within one year. 	STUDY REQUIREMENTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funds can be used for organ lessons, or other organ-related expenses such as organ music or organ shoes. • Elsener Award winners are required to use their scholarship award to study with a member of the American Guild of Organists. (A list will be provided.) • The funded lessons are to be completed within one year.
AUDITIONS All auditions will be held on Friday evening, April 20, 2012, at St. James Catholic Church, located at 429 Rte 25A, E. Setauket, NY 11733 . You will be contacted with an audition time. Please bring for the judges three copies of each piece that you will be playing. <i>NOTE: For the COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP ONLY, students who are currently enrolled in college who cannot audition in person may submit an unedited CD recording. The CD must be authenticated by the applicant's music teacher. It should be mailed to Dr. Joan Daly-Lewis, 9 Sands Lane, Port Jefferson, NY 11777, and must be received no later than April 4, 2012.</i>		
COLLEGE LEVEL AUDITION REQUIREMENTS Be prepared to play on the organ: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a Prelude/Toccata and Fugue or Trio Sonata by J. S. Bach, • a piece from the 19th century, • a piece from the 20th or 21st centuries, (<i>may be single movements from larger works</i>) • and two stanzas of one of the following hymns: "Lasst uns erfreuen," "Sine nomine," or "Ein' feste Burg." 	HS LEVEL AUDITION REQUIREMENTS Be prepared to play on the organ: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one piece by J. S. Bach, • a piece from either the 19th, 20th, or 21st centuries, and • two stanzas of one of the following hymns: "Hyfrydol," "Lobe den Herren," or "St. Anne." 	ELSENER AUDITION REQUIREMENTS Play the following on organ or piano: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one piece for piano or organ, of applicant's choosing • two stanzas of any hymn (from any hymnal, or any book containing simplified hymn arrangements, such as those by Wayne Leupold). Also, provide a brief paragraph about why the candidate would like to study organ. For scholarship recipients under the age of 17, a <i>Statement of Commitment</i> , to be signed by the student, a parent, and the organ teacher will be required.
PRACTICE TIME: AGO Chapter Scholarship applicants (high school and college level) will be allowed at least two hours of practice time the week of the auditions. Information regarding practice time will be sent to each Chapter Award applicant sometime in March.		If requested, applicants for this award will be allowed up to one hour of practice time at the church the week of the audition.
APPLICATIONS and FEE: To apply for one of these rewards, review the specific requirements, identify the appropriate scholarship, complete an application and submit it to be postmarked by March 16, 2012. Applications are available at www.suffolkago.org and should be sent to Dr. Joan Daly-Lewis, 9 Sands Lane, Port Jefferson, NY 11777. Please enclose a non-refundable registration fee of \$20 payable to "Suffolk Chapter AGO." If you have any questions, please call Dr. Daly-Lewis at (631) 928-5669.		

Winners will be notified shortly after the auditions, and will be publicly acknowledged at the Annual Scholarship Awards Recital with organ recitalist Dr. Carol Weitner, on Sunday, May 20, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Bay Shore. (NOTE: this is NOT the same church where the auditions will be held). We are looking forward to meeting with all eligible applicants at the April 20th auditions.