

About the American Guild of Organists

The American Guild of Organists (AGO) is the national professional association serving the organ and choral music fields.

The Guild was founded as both an educational and service organization whose mission is to promote the organ, encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members.

Who Belongs

Membership is open to all from beginners to the occasional church organist to the full-time professional as well as teachers, choir directors, organ builders, suppliers to the field, students, clergy, and all choral and organ music enthusiasts.

The Suffolk Chapter of the AGO serves the western portion of Suffolk County on Long Island, New York, and is one of 28 chapters in the New York-Northern New Jersey area (Region II).

We meet on a regular basis throughout the year and hold annual events such as

- the **Children's Choir Directors' Workshop** and **Children's Choir Festival**,
- the **Organ Expo**, and
- the **Scholarship Recital** and **Awards** for students of the organ,
- as well as **workshops, master classes, and lecture/recitals** led by members and guests.

We regularly partner with neighboring chapters in the Long Island/New York City area to organize activities. Meetings are educational and informal.

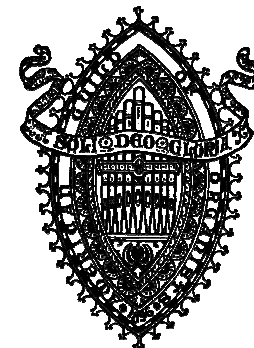
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Organ Scholarship Opportunities 2012



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The Suffolk Chapter Scholarships

The Suffolk Chapter established its Scholarships in 2004 in recognition of the need to support and to encourage the training of new organists. To be eligible, the applicant must be a high school or college student of the organ whose primary residence is Suffolk County.

The scholarships are funded from donations that are received from chapter members and friends each year, as well as from designated portions of free-will offerings taken at chapter events, and from chapter funds.

As much as \$1,500 is available each year: up to \$1,000 for a student pursuing organ studies in college (a student currently enrolled in college, or a high school senior about to enter college); and up to \$500 for a high school student studying organ privately.

Students and/or their teachers must be members of the AGO to be eligible for these scholarships.*

Students competing for the college scholarships will be expected to perform a Prelude/Toccata and Fugue or Trio Sonata by J.S. Bach, a piece from the 19th, 20th, or 21st century (these may be single movements from larger works), and two stanzas of a hymn (*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*, *Sine Nomine* or *Ein' Feste Burg*).

Students who are currently enrolled in a college who cannot audition in person may submit an unedited CD recording.

High school students will be expected to play one piece by J.S. Bach and a second piece from the 19th, 20th, or 21st century, plus two stanzas of a hymn (*Hyfrydol*, *Lobe Den Herren* or *St. Anne*).

* Membership applications are available for download at www.SuffolkAGO.org or by calling the chapter Registrar, Eleanor Gould, (631) 234-3342.

The Elsener Award

The Elsener Award was established in 2006, and is available to beginning organ students of *any age* from Nassau or Suffolk Counties who have not been studying organ for more than two years. No previous organ study is required, however, and applicants may perform the audition on piano.

The prize money is intended to be used for organ lessons or other organ-related expenses such as organ music, organ shoes, etc.

Up to \$1,000 is available each year for this award, which is funded by Elsener Organ Works, Inc. of Deer Park, NY.

Applicants will be asked to play one piece of their choice, either for piano or organ, as well as two stanzas of a hymn. They will also be asked to submit a brief paragraph about why they would like to study the organ.

For scholarship recipients under the age of 17, we will require a Statement of Commitment signed by student, parent, and organ instructor.



Award recipients and presenters at the 2011 Scholarship Awards Recital at the First Congregational Church in Riverhead, NY.

How to Apply

The application deadline is March 16, 2012, and auditions will take place April 20, 2012. Forms and additional details are available for download at www.SuffolkAGO.org. You may also request an application from Dr. Joan Daly-Lewis, (631) 928-5669.

Scholarship Donations Welcome

Your financial contribution helps!

In addition to the personal satisfaction of knowing that you're supporting organ students on Long Island, you'll receive recognition in our annual Scholarship Awards Recital Program.

Please make your check, notated as a Scholarship Donation, payable to

Suffolk Chapter, AGO

and send to:

Janet Pinto, *Treasurer*
7 Daremy Court
Melville, NY 11747-2704

Thank you!

<i>Vox Celeste:</i>	\$1,000 and above
<i>Trumpet:</i>	\$ 500 - \$ 1,000
<i>Rohrflöte:</i>	\$ 250 - \$ 500
<i>Principal:</i>	\$ 100 - \$ 250
<i>Diapason:</i>	\$ 15 - \$ 100

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A young 2011 Scholarship recipient accepts his award.