

December 31, 2017

Dear Professional Young Organists,

Thank you for your interest in the American Guild of Organists Kansas City National Convention. The future of the Guild, as well as that of the organ depends on you, and we are grateful for your interest.

The Young Professional Scholarship is to be made available in the amount of \$1,200 to a single winner who is no longer in school but is no more than 10 years out of school. It is designed to help defray the cost of lodging at one of the convention hotels while attending the convention. The donor's intent is that this funding be made available to someone who has a substantial financial need such that this assistance may actually make the difference in whether this person is able to attend the convention and who might have to miss it otherwise because he or she could not afford it. The donor envisions the aid going to support an organist early in his or her career who has a low-paying job and may be paying back student debt. We are very grateful to the generous donor who has made this possible.

Scholarship applications will be evaluated anonymously by representatives of several committees from the convention planning team. Evaluators will consider each application based on the following three criteria: financial need, level of commitment to the organ, and communication skill.

The deadline for application submissions is **April 1, 2018 at 11:59:59 CT**. Results will be dispersed by **April 15, 2018**. The recipient of scholarship money will need to accept their scholarship by **April 30, 2018 at 11:59:59 CT**. Any scholarship money left unclaimed will be made available to those on a waiting list.

We look forward to meeting you in Kansas City this summer!

Jacob Hofeling  
Co-Chair, Young Organist Committee

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Co-Chair, Young Organist Committee

## AGO 2018 Kansas City National Convention Young Professional Scholarship Application

### 1) Information

Please provide the following (please print or type):

Your full name \_\_\_\_\_

Age (DOB) \_\_\_\_\_

Year of graduation, school, and degree earned \_\_\_\_\_

Your primary email \_\_\_\_\_

A phone number where we can reach you \_\_\_\_\_

### 2) Essay (Please type)

In 250-500 words, please address the following:

- Briefly describe your past and current, if any, organ studies.
- Explain why you wish to attend the AGO convention this summer.
- Describe how music will be part of your future.
- Provide an explanation of your financial need and a rationale for requesting a need-based scholarship.

### 3) Identification

- Please provide the name and contact phone number of your employer for verification of employment

### 4) Submission

- Your completed application form and essay should be sent as a PDF or Word document to [young.professional.ago.2018@gmail.com](mailto:young.professional.ago.2018@gmail.com) **by April 1, 2018 at 11:59:59 CT.**
- Important Note: As essays will be evaluated anonymously, please put your essay on a separate page from the application containing your personal information, but submit both within the same document.
- Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Jacob Hofeling, [j.hofeling.ago.2018@gmail.com](mailto:j.hofeling.ago.2018@gmail.com) or Carol Mueller at [c.mueller.ago.2018@gmail.com](mailto:c.mueller.ago.2018@gmail.com) .