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**American Guild of Organists
Orange County, California Chapter
2010 STUDY GRANT APPLICATION**
(Students any age through High School)

Application Must be Received by January 15, 2010

The Orange County, California Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) is pleased to announce the availability of three or more grants for organ study up to \$500. Study Grants will be awarded on the basis of motivation, proficiency and growth in church service-playing skills.

The completed application and two (2) letters of recommendation, and (3) copies of music are to be mailed to:

Alice Fields, AGO Study Grant Chair, P.O. Box 3714 , Orange, CA 92857-3714

Rules of Eligibility:

1. Students of **any grade through high school are eligible.**
2. Students may apply who have basic piano proficiency and wish to study organ. Students must be motivated to begin and/or continue organ lessons with a qualified teacher, who is a member of the American Guild of Organists (AGO), Orange County Chapter. The Study Grant Committee is expecting evidence of musical growth and experience in church, and school performance as accompanist, or soloist. Repeat applicants must include experience since their previous application.
3. There is a non-refundable application fee of \$10,
4. The student applicant must live or go to school in Orange County, CA. The student's current teacher must reside and/or work in Orange County, California. The teacher who is to prepare the student for the recital must be a member of the AGO, Orange County Chapter.
5. Applicants are required to perform in a live audition on **Saturday, February 13, 2010 at Concordia University, Irvine -Worship Center at selected times between 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM.** *First-time* applicants are required to play **two** selections on the organ in contrasting styles to a maximum of 8 minutes. *First time* students with less than 6 months experience on the organ may audition by playing one organ and one piano selection in contrasting styles. The student and teacher will choose music which best demonstrates his/her keyboard skills. The student's teacher will select music per the graded repertoire list for this audition. *For repeat* applicants, a **third** (3) requirement is a hymn for congregational singing. This will include an appropriate introduction (preferably 8 measures), and 2 verses for congregational singing. The hymn will be played in a style that best represents the level of the performer, i.e., four-part hymn playing, or hymn re-harmonization in chordal or contrapuntal style. Practice times in equal amounts will be made available two weeks before the February audition and two weeks before the June concert.
6. Grant recipients will perform in a recital at **Concordia University, Irvine on Tuesday, June 4, 2010, 7:30 PM.** Choose attire that is dressy or semi dressy, but comfortable and does not distract from the performance.
7. One-half (1/2) of the grant will be awarded at the beginning of March, and the remainder at the **June 4, 2010** concert. If the student is unable to prepare sufficiently for the recital, the teacher may terminate the lessons and the student will forfeit a portion or all the remaining funds.
8. Two **current** letters of recommendation are required. One must be from a private piano or organ teacher, and the other from someone who has witnessed the candidate's potential and is not a member of the applicant's immediate family.
9. Applications must be received by **January 15, 2010.**
10. Send completed application, two letters of recommendation and check for \$10 payable to AGO- Orange County ; to AGO Orange County, Attention: Alice Fields – Study Grant Chair; P.O. Box 3714, Orange, CA 92857-3714,
For further information, contact Alice Fields, Study Grant Chair, fieldsaj@aol.com, 714-537-8842.



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Applicant's Name: _____

MUSICAL SELECTIONS FOR AUDITION

(Please include playing time for each selection.)

1. **Title:** _____

By: _____ **Playing Time:** _____

2. **Title:** _____

By: _____ **Playing Time:** _____

3. **Hymn (repeat applicants only)** _____

By: _____ **Playing Time:** _____

The applicant must supply three copies for each of the above pieces (for use by the three adjudicators of the audition Feb. 13th, 2010) which will be returned after the audition. Photocopies are illegal and will not be accepted. The Study Grant Coordinator may be able to help obtain copies of some of the music.

I am aware that my student will play the above pieces in the Study Grant Audition and the student has played these pieces for me in lessons.

Signature of current teacher _____

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Please write a paragraph describing your interest in organ study. Include any long-term musical goals you may have. You may write or type your paragraph on this page or use another piece of paper.

I have read and agree to the requirements to audition and receive a grant for organ study from the Orange County Chapter of The American Guild of Organists.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Submit the two pages of this application, two letters of recommendation and three copies of each of the pieces you are planning to play no later than January 15, 2010 to: Alice Fields, AGO Study Grant Chair