



# American Guild of Organists

## Central Florida Chapter

The Central Florida Chapter of the American Guild of Organists wishes to encourage and support the study of the organ by young students. CFAGO will offer a limited number of scholarships to high school students entering grades 9-12 as of May 1 of the year of the application.

### Scholarship Guidelines:

Applicants must live in the area supported by the CFAGO.

It is expected that recipients will use the scholarship to take lessons from an active CFAGO member or to attend a POE. Recipients will complete an end-of-year summary of the study completed.

The student is responsible for providing teacher-approved organ shoes and all music assigned by the teacher.

Scholarship recipients may be invited to perform at future CFAGO events and invited to attend the Chapter's *Pedals, Pipes and Pizza* event.

The Executive Committee of the CFAGO will appoint a Scholarship Committee to oversee the distribution of scholarship funds.

The number and amount of scholarships to be awarded will be set annually by the Executive Committee upon recommendation from the Scholarship Committee.

The scholarship information should be made available in January of each year.

**The deadline for submission is April 1, 2026.**

**To apply, a student must submit the application form with all required signatures and a YouTube video recording of two contrasting pieces of the student's choice. The recording shall show the applicant's face and hands and shall also include an ascending and descending two-octave scale of the applicant's choice played with both hands simultaneously. The title and composer of each selection should be announced before being played.**

Students who have not yet studied the organ may play the piano.  
No recipient can receive the award for more than two years.

The Scholarship Committee shall evaluate all the applications.

The Committee may elect to award all, some, or none of the scholarships available in any given year.

If a committee member is also the teacher of an applicant, he/she will not participate in the judging process that year whereby another chapter member will be asked to serve by the Dean.

**The Scholarship Committee will base its decision upon the musical merit of the applicant and the short essay submitted.**

Financial need will not be evaluated in the application process.

The Scholarship Committee may choose to give preference to students with prior organ studies in making its decision.

The decision of the Scholarship Committee is final.

All applicants will be notified in a timely manner of the committee's final decision.  
The current scholarship amount is \$500.00

The Scholarship will be awarded at the April CFAGO Rising Stars Concert. If possible, the recipient, his/her parents and music teacher shall be guests of the CFAGO that evening.

The monetary award will be paid directly to the teacher of the applicant.

If the recipient chooses to use the award to attend a POE, the registration fee will be paid by CFAGO and any remaining funds will be distributed to the student to cover housing and transportation costs.

Each scholarship recipient will also receive a complimentary student membership in The American Guild of Organists.

**Applications must be received no later than April 1, 2026. Students are encouraged to submit all documents digitally as a PDF or JPEG to CFAGO@mac.com. USMail also be used to forward the application.**

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