

The Academy's Statement of Purpose

*The South Dakota American
Guild of Organists Academy
seeks to serve
area youth and adults,
churches and communities
by attracting persons to study
the pipe organ.*

The SDAGO Academy is an ongoing project of the South Dakota Chapter of The American Guild of Organists. For more information about the Chapter and its activities, visit our website www.sdago.org or contact

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The South Dakota American Guild of Organists Academy

was founded in 1987 by the South Dakota Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Since that time, over 50 scholarships have been awarded to beginning organists.

SDAGO provides partial funding for the scholarships, but the potential number of awards made each year depends on the support of private benefactors, churches, and other businesses. We invite contributions to our Academy Fund. A full sponsorship is \$150. Contributions in any amount are welcomed.

The South Dakota Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is a non-profit professional organization whose membership includes organists, pianists, choral directors, church musicians, public and private school teachers, and other interested persons. Members strive to promote the organ and its music, as well as seek to further the highest standards in music and the arts in education, in our churches, and in our communities.

SDAGO Academy

*Introducing
Young Musicians
to the
King of Instruments!*

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The SDAGO Academy offers scholarships for piano students to become acquainted with the organ. These scholarships are one-time only awards designed to help fund beginning organ study. Scholarship winners are assigned a teacher who is paid directly by Academy funds. Since a good piano background is the best preparation for the study of the organ, scholarship applicants must be recommended by their piano teacher, and winners are expected to continue piano study during the term of their Academy scholarship.

Auditions will be held annually in April for a panel of two organists and one area piano teacher. Each applicant is required to do the following:

1. Play a Bach Two-Part Invention (or comparable contrapuntal piece)
2. Play a piano piece of the student's choice demonstrating technical and musical proficiency
3. Play a hymn of the student's choice
4. Sight-read a hymn chosen by the audition panel.

These auditions are done entirely on the piano. Memorization is not required. Specific audition date and location information can be found in the accompanying letter or by contacting the Academy Director. For those students needing an alternate audition date, please contact the Academy Director.

To apply for a scholarship, complete the attached form and return it by **April 1** to:

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SDAGO Academy Scholarship Application

Student Name

Parent Name

Address

City/State/ZIP

Phone

Email Address

Date of Birth

Years of Piano Study

Piano Teacher Name

Address

City/State/ZIP

Phone

Email Address

*I recommend this student as a candidate for an
SDAGO Academy Scholarship*

Teacher Signature