



Our Statement of Purpose:

The South Dakota American Guild of Organists Academy seeks to serve area youth and adults, churches and communities by encouraging people to study organ.

SDAGO Mission Statement:

Our mission is to bring excitement and inspiration of the organ and its music to children and adults through events of education, entertainment and discovery.

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SOUTH DAKOTA CHAPTER

AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

ORGANISTS'
ACADEMY

What is the Organists' Academy?

The SDAGO Organists' Academy offers one-time scholarships for piano students and musicians to study the organ. 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, student winners are expected to continue piano study during the term of their Academy scholarship.

Continuing education applicants are not required to study piano during their term of scholarship from the Academy.

How does one apply?

Go to www.sdago.org/academy to fill out the audition form or to print one out. Registration/Form due date is April 1.

Once you've filled out the form, the next step is to check out the audition requirements!

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Why learn to play the organ?

Playing the organ is a life long ability that can enrich and enhance your skills as not only a keyboard player, but also as a musician!



How do I audition?

The requirements to audition are:

1. Play a Bach Two-Part Invention or similar contrapuntal piece.*
2. Play a piano piece of the pianist's choice demonstrating technical skill and musical proficiency.
3. Play a hymn of the applicant's choice.
4. Sight-read a hymn chosen by the audition judges.

- All auditions are performed on the piano.
- Memorization is not required.
- The audition panel consists of two organists and one piano teacher.
- Auditions are held annually in April.

*Continuing Education applicants do not need to complete requirement 1. Play a Bach Two-Part Invention or similar contrapuntal piece.

Who can participate?

- Young piano students
- Current church musicians
- Adult pianists
- Any musician wanting to learn more about the organ!

SDAGO is proud to have Beginner and Continuing Education divisions of the Organists' Academy.