

Palomar Chapter AGO Scholarship Auditions Guidelines

1. Organists will play two pieces in contrasting styles and a hymn. The maximum performance time is 15 minutes. It is not necessary to use the entire 15 minutes! Please prepare to play an introduction and two contrasting stanzas of the hymn, as for congregational singing. **Please note the requirements for the hymn at each level. The two pieces for students entered at Level 4 and above must be from two different periods.** Please refer to the Progressive Repertoire Requirements for details. Literature in the repertoire requirements is intended to serve as a guide for entering a student at the appropriate level. It is not necessary to play a piece that is listed, but it must be at the level or above.
2. Pianists may be of any age and will play one piece. Piano teachers do not have to be AGO members. The maximum performance time is 5 minutes. Pianists would most often be auditioning for introductory organ lessons with a qualified AGO instructor. Pianists may only receive an award **once** for participation on piano. To be eligible for an award in the second year, participation in the second year must be on the organ.
3. A legal copy of the music is required for the applicant and the adjudicator. Memorization is not required. Please be sure names are on all music and place a measure number at the beginning of each line. Photocopies may not be used without written permission from the publisher.
4. Refer to the application form for time and location. Teachers may schedule rehearsal time with the student on the organ. "Warm-up" practice times will be available from 9:30-11:30 on the day of the auditions.
5. Performers 21 years or older may participate in the auditions a maximum of three times.
6. Participants will perform for each other in groups or as a whole in recital format depending on the number of applicants. This will mean a time commitment of approximately 1-2 hours giving students an opportunity to hear other performers and literature.
7. Pipe Organ Encounter Camps (POE) information may be found at www.agohq.org/education/poe
8. Tuition checks for participants who receive awards will be mailed directly to the teacher of the organ lessons. The organ teacher must be member of the American Guild of Organists (AGO).
9. Organ participants must be residents of North San Diego County or study regularly with a Palomar Chapter AGO member teacher. Organ students may enter at the same level as many times as desired, but will only be eligible for an award twice at the same level.

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