

## Stigall Scholarship Auditions: June 3, 2023

The Charlotte Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is proud to offer **Ann and Robert Stigall Scholarship** (established in 2004), in honor of their many years of beautiful and inspiring music at Myers Park Presbyterian Church and in the Charlotte community.

The Stigall Scholarship is for **students in (rising) grades 6-12**. No organ experience is necessary, although a piano background is required.

The **amount** of the Scholarship will vary, depending on the number of winners. Once an award has been received, lessons may begin as of June 1, and no later than September 1. The award may be renewed for a second term at the teacher's discretion. The first semester's lessons must be completed by December 31; the second by May 31. The money will be paid directly to the teacher.

Winners will be encouraged to play on the **Charlotte AGO Summer Series** recital featuring young artists. The committee recommends a minimum of 5 hours of organ practice per week.

With this application, please include a **Letter of Introduction** from the student's music teacher(s), with a brief history of the student's musical background, and any other pertinent information.

**At the interview**, the candidate will play the following at either the piano or organ:

- 2 contrasting pieces (memory optional)
- major and minor scales (two octaves), chords, and arpeggios
- a prepared hymn; for returning students, the hymn should include an introduction, first verse as written, second verse that solos the melody, and a free last verse
- read a piece at sight

The candidate will be asked the following questions:

- What has inspired you to learn to play the organ?
- Where will you practice?
- How will you get there?

Previous winners may reapply for the scholarship.

**The teacher** must be a member of the Charlotte Chapter AGO and must live in Mecklenburg or an adjoining county. AGO membership shall be provided to each scholarship winner.

Auditions will be on Saturday, June 3, 2023, at:  
St Stephen United Methodist Church  
6800 Sardis Rd  
Charlotte NC 28270

Application **deadline**: Saturday, May 20, 2023.

### Application for the Ann and Robert Stigall Scholarship

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in school: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Years of experience: Piano \_\_\_\_\_ Organ \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Repertoire to be played at the interview:

1: \_\_\_\_\_

2: \_\_\_\_\_

Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please e/mail this form to:  
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Southern Park Music School  
4805 Park Rd, Ste 230  
Charlotte, NC 28209**

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