

San Diego AGO Scholarship Auditions 2020 Rules and Policies

1. Organists may be of any age and 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 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 (available on our website at www.agosd.org). Literature in the repertoire requirements is intended to serve as a guide to entering a student at the appropriate level. It is not necessary to play a piece that is listed. Memorization is not required.
2. Pianists may be of any age and will play one piece. The maximum performance time is 5 minutes. Pianists will 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. Memorization is not required.
3. Students are responsible for providing a legal copy of each piece to be performed for use by the adjudicators, and, if using music, must also perform from a legal copy of the score. Please be sure names are on all music, pages are marked, and measures are numbered. If there is difficulty in providing copies for the adjudicator, please email Leslie Wolf Robb at lesliewolfrobb@mac.com. **Photocopies may not be used without written permission from the publisher.**
4. Adjudicators' comments will be mailed to teachers.
5. **The auditions will be held at Mission Hills United Church of Christ (4070 Jackdaw Street, San Diego 92103). on Saturday, May 9, 2020.** You will receive information via email about scheduling rehearsal time (organists only) at the church once we have received your application and entry fee. **Please DO NOT call the church about practice time.** Leslie Wolf Robb, Education Chair, will coordinate practice time. You may reach her by email: lesliewolfrobb@mac.com. Teachers are welcome to work with their students on the organ. A parent, guardian, or the student's teacher **must** be present in the church during practice time for students high school age and younger.
6. Teachers may duplicate the Rules and Policies for your students.
7. Performers 21 years or older may participate in the auditions as many times as they wish, but will only be allowed to receive tuition grants a maximum of three times.
8. Students must use their scholarships to study with a teacher who is a member of San Diego AGO or to assist with the cost of attending an organ workshop or camp. Students who need financial assistance to attend a Pipe Organ Encounter are strongly encouraged to apply for a scholarship from AGO National. See <https://www.agohq.org/poe-scholarships/> for details. At the present time our teachers do not teach farther north than Rancho Bernardo, farther east than Santee, or farther south than downtown San Diego. Students who are not able to travel to

one of these locations for lessons should consider participating in a different AGO chapter's auditions. A complete list of chapters in our region is available at <https://www.agohq.org/regions/west/>

9. Participants will perform for each other in groups. This will mean a time commitment of approximately 1 hour. This is intended to give students an opportunity to hear other performers and other literature.
10. Participants must be residents of San Diego County or study regularly with a San Diego AGO member teacher.
11. Applications must be submitted online at <https://lesliewolfrobb.wufoo.com/forms/z9trk11vtz9t7/> by April 24, 2020. Applications open 3/1/2020.
12. Application fees (\$30.00 per student) should be made payable to San Diego AGO and mailed to the address below. Application fees must be postmarked by April 24. You may pay online at <http://agosd.org/education/scholarships/> If paying online, the deadline is April 24.

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13. Tuition checks for students who receive awards will be mailed directly to the teacher, POE site or other organ camp of the student's choice within two weeks of the audition date.
14. The judges will select those organ students (high school age and younger) whose performances they consider the best to perform in the annual Young Organists' Concerts at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion, which will take place on Sundays, May 31 and June 14, 2020 at 2:00 pm. Half of the students selected will perform on May 31, the other half on June 14.
15. If you have questions, please contact Leslie Wolf Robb, San Diego AGO Education Chair, at (858) 272-4338 or lesliewolfrobb@mac.com.
16. Audition schedule: At the recommendation of our judges, we will be grouping students by level for the auditions. The starting and end times will depend on the total number of students participating in the auditions, but the order will be as follows:
 - Novice (Prep through Level 3)
 - Intermediate (Levels 4 – 6)
 - Advanced (Levels 7 and above)

Our goal is to create an event that will be a positive experience for all who participate. Please call if you have any questions. Let's work together to continue to encourage organ study in San Diego! Thank you in advance for your participation.

San Diego AGO Education Committee